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Dear Ms Goodwin,

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST

I refer to your request made under the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002. Please find below a response on behalf of East Ayrshire Council.

You requested: ***how many Child Protection Orders were sought for children in the local authority within a week of their birth? I would also like to know how many of these children had been identified as in need of protection prior to birth.***

I am looking for figures over the last five years from 2015 to 2020 under freedom of information legislation.

We do not hold a central register of all child protection order applications applied for and such information would only be able to be compiled from a manual trawl of all files.

We can, however, tell you that in 2020/21 Children and Families Pre-Birth Assessments were completed for 44 children. Of these, 3 were completed within 3 days of birth with the other 41 being completed prior to birth.

East Ayrshire implemented a new Social Work Management Information System in 2020 which has enabled us to provide this information. Data was held differently under our previous system and so we are unable to compile this information for pre-2020.

I trust this information is of use to you.

This response is being provided under the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002. If you are dissatisfied with this decision or the way in which your request has been handled, you are entitled to require the Council to review its decision. A copy of the Council's review procedures are attached for your information.

Yours sincerely

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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION (SCOTLAND) ACT 2002 ENVIRONMENTAL INFORMATION (SCOTLAND) REGULATIONS 2004

REVIEW PROCEDURE

Any applicant who is dissatisfied with the way that East Ayrshire Council has dealt with a request for information is entitled to require the Council to review its decision.

STAGE 1

Any applicant, who is unhappy with a decision of the Council, should write to the Council requesting a review. A request for a review must be made no later than 40 working days following the expiry of the period for responding to a request for information. You should send your request to:

Freedom of Information
East Ayrshire Council
London Road
Kilmarnock
Tel: 01563 576000
email: freedomofinformation@east-ayrshire.gov.uk

Your request must include your name and address, details of your initial request for information and why you are dissatisfied.

The Council will comply promptly with the request for a review and in any event by no later than the 20th working day after receipt of the request. At this stage the applicant will be advised of the right to appeal to the Scottish Information Commissioner.

STAGE 2

If an applicant is still unhappy following Stage 1, the applicant may appeal to the Scottish Information Commissioner for a decision. Such appeals should be made within 6 months following the outcome of Stage 1 above, either:

Online at: www.itspublicknowledge.info/Appeal

Or in writing to:

The Scottish Information Commissioner
Kinburn Castle
Doubledykes Road
St. Andrews
FIFE
KY16 9DS
Tel: 01334 464610
Fax: 01334 464511
email: enquiries@itspublicknowledge.info

An appeal on a point of law against a decision may be made to the Court of Session.