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Please ask for: Freedom of Information  
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Our Ref: FR6016  
Your ref:  
Date: 26<sup>th</sup> October 2015

Dear Sir/Madam,

### **Information Request:FR6016**

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request dated 6<sup>th</sup> October 2015. Your request has been dealt with under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 and is detailed below in italics with our response in bold.

### **Our Response**

The Freedom of Information Team has been provided with the following information in response to your recent request on behalf of Northamptonshire County Council (NCC).

*Please could you advise how many children with SEN have an independent school names in part 4 of their statements.*

**123.**

*How many of the independent schools which are named are local and how many are out of county placements?*

**6 schools have a Northamptonshire post code, 41 have post codes from other areas.**

*What number of children fall into each category of need? Eg PMLD, EBD etc?*

**123 children designated across the following categories ASD, HI, MLD, SEMH and Other Categories of Need.**

*How many of these children are being educated in independent schools currently rated as inadequate by Ofsted?*

**The Authority currently has placements which are low enough in numbers in this case (5) that may identify a child/ren in independent schools rated inadequate.**

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***DPA 1998 says that If numbers are too low and with any other information available it's leaving a child identifiable to anyone, s40 applies.***

**This information is taken from the most recent looked after children publication to explain why we suppress:**

**The National Statistics Code of Practice requires that reasonable steps should be taken to ensure that all published or disseminated statistics produced by the Department for Education protect confidentiality. National figures have been rounded to the nearest 10 and Local Authority figures have been rounded to the nearest 5. For confidentiality purposes, numbers from one to five inclusive have been replaced in the published tables by a cross (x). To ensure the suppressed number cannot be identified by simple arithmetic secondary suppression may be required. In this case the next smallest number less than 20 is also suppressed. Where any number is shown as zero (0), the original figure submitted was zero (0).**

*What is the council's policy on placing children in independent schools at a cost to the public purse where the school is rated as either requires improvement or inadequate?*

**Placing children at independent schools is in accordance with the statutory SEN framework.**

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