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Ramzy Alwakeel

Dear Ramzy Alwakeel

Thank you for your request for information received on 28 February 2020.

This request is being handled under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

I can confirm that the information requested is held by the London Borough of Bexley. I have detailed below the information that is being released to you.

If you have any questions, please contact me using the details at the top of this letter.

I am looking for information about the council's criteria for adoption. As such, I would like to know the answer to the following questions:

1. What weight or BMI criteria does the council have for prospective adoptive parents?

We do not state any criteria around weight but would under assessment look at life style and general health.

2. What weight or BMI would preclude a prospective parent from adoption under the council's criteria?

As above, also for adopters with a BMI over 30 - We ask that if an applicant's BMI is over 30 then they have a blood test as part of their medical, a letter is given to them explaining this. The blood test results are then submitted with the medical to the medical adviser who calculates the applicants cardiovascular risk score from their fasting lipid profile.

3. How many families (defined as a single adoptive parent or an adoptive couple) did the council reject for adoption because they failed to meet its weight or BMI criteria in 2019?

None

4. How many families (defined as a single adoptive parent or an adoptive couple) did the council reject for adoption because they failed to meet its weight or BMI criteria between 2015 and 2019?

None

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Yours faithfully,

Annmarie Carroll
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