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By email to:  
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My Ref: FOI/1994  
Your Ref: As above  
Date: 17 March 2021  
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Dear Tay Jiva MBE,

**Re: Request for Information – Freedom of Information Act 2000**

I wish to confirm that the Children's Services Directorate has now completed its search for the information which you requested by e-mail on 19 February 2021.

Your questions and my findings are as follows: -

**Please could you provide the following information for \*mainstream\* foster carers (i.e. not family/friends/connected).**

**Do you record the religion of foster carers and children in care? Yes/No**

**\*If not, please provide the following information for Black carers and South Asian carers/children only.\***

**I appreciate I'm asking for a lot of information, please provide whatever you're able to. It may help you to know I do a voluntary work to promote fostering to Muslim communities and this data would help me to do this more effectively.**

**CURRENT FIGURES:**

**Number of Muslim foster carers:**

**Number of Muslim children in foster care:**

**Number of Muslim children in non-Muslim homes:**

**12 MONTH PERIOD OF 2020:**

**Number of Muslim foster carers at the start of the year:**

**Number of Muslim foster carers who were deregistered over the year:**

**Number of Muslim children in foster care:**

**Number of Muslim children in non-Muslim homes:**

**12 MONTH PERIOD OF 2019:**

**Number of Muslim foster carers at the start of the year:**

**Number of new approvals of Muslim foster carers over the year:**

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**12 MONTH PERIOD OF 2018:**

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**12 MONTH PERIOD OF 2016:**

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**CURRENT FIGURES:**

**Number of South Asian foster carers:**

**Number of South Asian children in foster care:**

**Number of South Asian children in non-South Asian homes:**

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**Number of South Asian children in foster care:**

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**Number of South Asian children in non-South Asian homes:**

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**Number of South Asian foster carers who were deregistered over the year:**

**Number of South Asian children in foster care:**

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Please find the information requested on the attached spreadsheet, note that any data indicate by 'x' is <5 and I exempt the disclosure of this information under section 40 (2) of the FOI Act 2000. The disclosure could lead to the identification of the individuals concerned and would be in breach of principle 1 of the Data Protection Act 2018 – lawfulness, fairness and transparency.

If you have any queries about this letter, please contact Information Requests on 01226 77 5759. Please remember to quote the reference number above in any future communications.

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If you are not content with the outcome of the internal review, you have the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at: -[www.ico.org.uk](http://www.ico.org.uk)

Yours sincerely



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