

Hammersmith and Fulham

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Mr. Robert Cann

Our reference: 1194915

Dear Mr. Cann

Thank you for your request for information received on 30 January 2018.

Your request

- a) Your total number of registered foster carers;*
- b) The number of your registered foster carers who are non-UK EU nationals;*
- c) The number of your currently fostered children who are non-UK EU nationals;*
- d) The number of your UK national foster carers who foster outside of the UK, but within the EU.*

Our response

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

I confirm that the information requested is held by LB Hammersmith and Fulham. Please find below the information being released to you.

- a) Your total number of registered foster carers;*

We currently have 184 registered foster carers. However, this is a shared Tri-borough service, so the carers are Tri-borough registered foster carers. LB Hammersmith and Fulham do not have specific carers who are assigned only to Hammersmith and Fulham. (The Tri-borough service covers Hammersmith & Fulham, Kensington & Chelsea and Westminster).

- d) The number of your UK national foster carers who foster outside of the UK, but within the EU.*

Zero. We do not have any registered foster carers caring for children outside of the UK.

- b) The number of your registered foster carers who are non-UK EU nationals;*

- c) The number of your currently fostered children who are non-UK EU nationals;*

The FoI Act (section 12) specifies a cost limit for complying with a request for information of £450 (18 hours). From our preliminary assessment, we estimate that compliance with your request would exceed the appropriate costs limit under section 12 of the Freedom of information Act 2000. This is because in order to answer your request we would need to manually review files to retrieve and collate relevant information. We would need to review 184 files. Using an estimate of 30 minutes work per file, this task would far exceed the appropriate limit specified. Therefore, we are refusing your request and this email acts as a refusal notice.

If you are dissatisfied with the handling of your request for information, please contact the h&f InTouch team within 40 working days of receiving this response. They will consider the matters raised and decide whether they are referred to the Council's Information Manager for an internal review.

You can write to the h&f InTouch team at Room 229, Hammersmith Town Hall, King Street, London W6 9JU, or email: handfintouch@lbhf.gov.uk. If you are registered for self-service, via the Council's My Account portal, you can also do this online: [Click here to complete the form](#)

You also have the right to appeal to the Information Commissioner at: The Information Commissioner's Office (ICO), Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire SK9 5AF. Tel: 0303 123 1113. Website: www.ico.org.uk/concerns/. There is no charge for making an appeal. The ICO may ask you to contact Hammersmith and Fulham, so we can complete an internal review, before the ICO investigates the matter.

Yours sincerely

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