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**Please ask for**

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**Our ref:** 9120240

**Date:** 26th June 2023

Dear Tay Jiva

### **Freedom of Information Act 2000**

Your request for information has been considered by Warwickshire County Council under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

I can confirm that some of the information you have requested is held by Warwickshire County Council. However, please be advised we are unable to provide all of the information.

Please see below for further details and explanation.

#### **You asked:**

***1. How many individual children (not placements) were placed into mainstream foster care by the LA over the past 12 months (or the most recent 12-month period that you're able to process)?***

There were 580 children placed with mainstream foster carers (excluding connected others) between 1 April 2022 - 31 March 2023.

***2. Of those, please confirm how many individual children (not placements) were placed with foster carers of independent fostering agencies.***

Of the above 580 children placed with mainstream carers, 288 children were placed with an independent agency foster carer for all or part of the 2022/23 financial year.

***3. What is the minimum, maximum and average agency fee you have given to IFAs for individual children (not placements) placed as 'standard' placements?***

Lowest fee paid over the last 5 months is £657, maximum was £1,656 and average is £1,183

**4. What is the minimum, maximum and average agency fee you have given to IFAs for individual children (not placements) placed as 'enhanced' placements (including step-down, remand and children with disabilities)?**

Not Held.

**5. What is the minimum, maximum and average agency fee you have given to IFAs for parent and child placements (placement fee, not for individuals)?**

Please view further details below on Section 40.

**6. Of all individual children (not placements) placed in the 12-month period, please break down the numbers by ethnicity (categories you record)?**

Please view table below:

Ethnicity of Children placed with Mainstream Foster Carers	No. of Children
Asian/Asian British	16
Black/Black British	25
Mixed/Multiple ethnic groups	59
Other Ethnic Groups	63
White	417
Grand Total	580

**7. And also by religion**

Please view table below:

Religion of Children placed with Mainstream Foster Carers	No. of Children
Christian	91
Hindu	1
Islam (Muslim)	75
No Religion	272
Not Asked/Known/Stated	131
Other Religion	3
Pagan	1
Sikh	6
Grand Total	580

**End.**

Due to the low number of parent and child placements we are unable to provide the information to answer Q5 of your request, as to do so could lead to the identification of a

vulnerable family. Therefore an exemption under Section 40 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (Personal Information) has been applied to this information.

We would consider that Section 40(2), (Personal Information) would apply because we believe the disclosure of this information to a member of the public would contravene one of the data protection principles, in that the benefits of disclosure are not proportionate to any potential harm, distress or intrusion to the individuals should they be identified.

This information is personal data as defined by the Data Protection Act 2018, and as it is information about someone else I'm unable to give this to you as release of this information would constitute a breach of the Data Protection Act 2018. The first condition is that the disclosure of the information to a member of the public otherwise than under this Act:

- (a) would contravene any of the data protection principles, or
- (b) would do so if the exemptions in section 24(1) of the Data Protection Act 2018 (manual unstructured data held by public authorities) were disregarded.

The second condition is that the disclosure of the information to a member of the public otherwise than under this Act would contravene Article 21 of the General Data Protection Regulation (general processing: right to object to processing).

Please treat this letter as a refusal notice in accordance with section 17 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 in respect of information requested to answer this question of you request.

If you are dissatisfied with the handling of your request, you have the right to ask for an internal review. Internal review requests should be submitted within 40 days of the date of receipt of the response to your original letter and should be addressed to:

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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:

Website: [www.ico.org.uk/foicomplaints](http://www.ico.org.uk/foicomplaints)

The Information Commissioner's Office  
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I will now close your request as of this date.

Yours faithfully

Information Rights Officer