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Dear Dr Karamat Iqbal

RE: - REQUEST FOR INFORMATION UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000

In response to your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act received by Rochdale Council please see below our response in relation to your queries:

Please would you kindly let me know the number and percentage of your population who are of Kashmiri or Kashmiri/Pakistani heritage.

The Council uses the ethnicity categories included in the Census. Kashmiri is not identified as a separate category.

Ethnicity data for Rochdale can be found here: http://www.rochdale.gov.uk/joint-strategic-needs-assessment/borough-profile-jsna/Pages/ethnicity-in-rochdale-borough-jsna.aspx

There was a study undertaken by Manchester University about Kashmiri communities, that was shared at Cabinet, however the Council cannot confirm that the numbers quoted are correct.

http://democracy.rochdale.gov.uk/documents/s70195/Cabinet%20Report%20-%20Kashmiri%20heritgage%20community%20research%2028%20Jan%202020%20v2.pdf

We feel that we have fulfilled your Freedom of Information request. However, please see the details on our <u>website</u> if you are unhappy with the service you have received in relation to your request, wish to make a complaint or appeal against any decision we have made in response to your request.

Yours sincerely

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