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Date: 23 March 2018
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Dear Christina

Re: Request for Information – Freedom of Information Act 2000

I wish to confirm that the People Directorate has now completed its search for the information which you requested by e-mail on 5 March 2018.

Your questions and my findings are as follows:-

- 1. How many children became 'looked after' in your local authority in the financial year of 1 April 2016 to 31 March 2017?**

130

- 2. Of the children in Q1, how many were in a group of siblings of two or more?**

64

- 3. How many of the children that became 'looked after' in your local authority in the financial year of 1 April 2016 to 31 March 2017 were initially placed in Kinship Care/Connected Persons care?**

27

- 4. How many looked after children in your local authority are currently placed following care proceedings:**

- a. With long term LA foster carers**

35

- b. In kinship care foster placements**

14

5. a. How many applications to be a kinship carer did you receive in the financial year of 1 April 2016 to 31 March 2017 in respect of children subject to Care Proceedings?

8

- b. How many of those (5.a.) applications were successful?

Due to our low numbers (<5) disclosure of this figure could risk the identification of individuals and is therefore exempt under Section 40(2) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

6. How many children in your local authority were made the subject of Special Guardianship Orders following Care Proceedings in 2016/17?

50

7. How many of your local authority's current foster carers are prepared and approved to be long term foster carers of sibling groups of:

- a. 2

12

- b. 3 or more

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Yours sincerely



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