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Dear Andre,

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request dated 16<sup>th</sup> October 2019 for information about looked after children.

Please see below Doncaster Children's Services Trust's response to the questions you have raised;

### Questions

1. The total number of Looked After Children under your local authority care, where family members outside the United Kingdom were explored between January 2015 and December 2017 inclusive.
2. The number of Looked After Children under your local authority care that were subsequently placed outside the United Kingdom between January 2015 and December 2017 inclusive.
3. The number and type of placement orders used for placing Looked After Children from your local authority care with family members abroad between January 2015 and December 2017 inclusive.

In response to question 1, please see refusal Notice below;

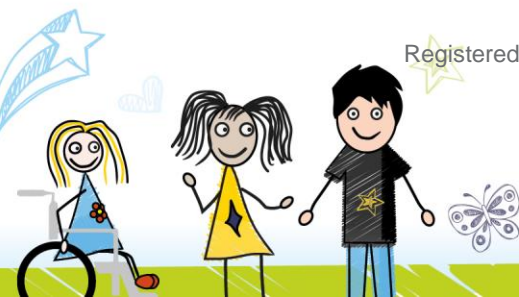
### **Notice under Section 17(1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 - REFUSAL TO DISCLOSE INFORMATION**

#### **Decision:**

After carefully considering your request for information the Doncaster Children's Services Trust has decided that to respond to your request would exceed the appropriate limit as defined in the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

#### **Basis for decision:**

Section 12 (1) of the Freedom of Information Act allows for a request for information to be refused where the cost of supplying this information exceeds the appropriate limit. This is called an "exemption". The Freedom of Information and Data Protection (Appropriate Limit and Fees) Regulations 2004 section 3 (3) determines the appropriate limit for local government to be £450, equal to provision of officer time at approximately 18 hours (2.5 working days).



**Why does the exemption apply in this case?:**

The Trust does not hold a central record of this information that would respond to your request, in order to determine the number of looked after children where family members outside the United Kingdom a total of 660 files will need to be reviewed.

It is estimated that each file will require a 10 minute investigation therefore as details of 660 files require review and this would result in a total time of approximately 110 hours and is this is classed as excessive.

In order for us to reconsider your request we would ask that you revise your application to be more specific by narrowing down the scope of your request, for example by reducing your time frame to one month.

I can confirm responses can be provided to questions 2 and 3 and should you wish for these to be provided please contact us at [FOI@doncaster.gov.uk](mailto:FOI@doncaster.gov.uk)

I hope that this information is useful to you.

The Doncaster Children's Services Trust estimates that it has cost £25 to respond to this request for information.

**Reviewing any decisions made:**

You can ask us to review any decisions made about your request. You do this by writing to;

Freedom of Information Officer  
Doncaster Council  
Civic Office  
Waterdale  
Doncaster  
DN1 3BU  
e-mail: [FOIAppeals@doncaster.gov.uk](mailto:FOIAppeals@doncaster.gov.uk)

You can apply to the Information Commissioner for a decision about our compliance or otherwise with the Freedom of Information legislation. Please contact the Commissioner for details on how to do this - telephone 01625 545700, address: Information Commissioner, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF. Internet: <http://www.informationcommissioner.gov.uk/>

Yours sincerely

**Pp Sophie Ormshaw on behalf of Julie Mephram**  
**Director of Children's Social Care, Doncaster Children's Services Trust**

