

Our ref: FOI-10-136

Angela Wileman

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1 October 2009

Dear Ms Wileman

Information Request:

Under the freedom of information act I would like to know numerical statistics in order by year during the period of 1998 to 2008 (or as far back as you can go without charging me) for the following;

- 1) How many children were taken into local authority care on interim care orders and emergency protection orders under the category of emotional harm during the above period? I do not wish you to include any children for any other categories of harm/abuse.*
- 2) Out of these children who were taken into care for emotional harm how many of them were specifically for domestic violence between their parents? again I do not wish you to include children who had violence directed at them as that would fall into a different category being physical abuse.*
- 3) Out of these children who were put into care for domestic violence how many were returned to family or extended family ?*
- 4) Out of these how many children were put on full care orders?*
- 5) Of the children put on full care orders how many were adopted during these periods.*

Thank you for your information request dated 30 September 2009 received in our office on the 1 October 2009.

I have carefully reviewed your request and investigated whether there is any information disclosable to you. Unfortunately, I have found that Eastbourne Borough Council does not process the information you have requested.

This information if processed by East Sussex County Council and their Freedom of Information Officer can be contacted at the address overleaf:

Room C6F, County Hall, St Anne's Crescent
Lewes BN7 1SW
Tel: 01273 482913
Fax: 01273 481208
FOI@eastsussex.gov.uk

We suggest that you contact this organization directly to further your request, however if you would like the Council to transfer your request to this organization on your behalf we will be happy to do this. In order to transfer your request we will require you to give us your explicit consent.

May I take this opportunity to inform you that by transferring your request to another public organization the 20 working day response timeframe is 'reset' and the organization that receives your request will have 20 working days from the time they receive your request to respond to you.

All applicants have a 'right of appeal'. An appeal should be focused on the original request and should identify how the Council's response failed to answer your Information Request. Appeals must be made in writing (or e-mail) and addressed to the Strategic Projects Co-ordinator, who acts as the Appeals Officer, to the address below.

Strategic Projects Co-ordinator
Communication and Participation
Eastbourne Borough Council
Town Hall
Grove Road
EASTBOURNE
BN21 4UG

E-mail: foi.appeals.officer@eastbourne.gov.uk
Telephone : +44 (0) 1323 415 042
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If you are not content with the outcome of your complaint, you may apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. Generally, the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO) cannot make a decision unless you have already exhausted the internal appeals procedure provided by Eastbourne Borough Council's Strategic Project Co-ordinator. Further appeals should be sent to the Information Commissioner for review at:

The Information Commissioner
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
Cheshire SK9 5AF
Tel: 01625 545745

Telephone : +44 (0) 1625 545 700
Facsimile : 01625 545510
E-mail : mail@ico.gsi.gov.uk

Please contact me again, quoting your reference number, if you require any further assistance with your current request and I will do my best to provide the relevant help and advice.

Yours sincerely

Denise White

Information & Administration Officer

Direct Dial: 01323 415265

E-mail: foi@eastbourne.gov.uk