

**Social Work Resources**  
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Our ref: MK/LC/FOI  
Your ref:  
If calling ask for: Martin Kane  
Phone: 01698 454362  
Date: 12 November 2019

Dear Ms Housman

**Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 (FOISA)**

I refer to your information request received by the Council on 23 October 2019 in which you ask for the following information:

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.

Please note that by 'where family members outside the United Kingdom were explored' in the first question, we mean where a family member outside the United Kingdom of a Looked After Child under your local authority care was identified, considered as a possible carer for the child, and steps to assess the family member as a suitable carer for the child were considered.

Please include both:

Children where an assessment of a family member outside the UK was considered but not actually carried out; and o children where an assessment of a family member outside the UK was carried out.

**Information not provided**

***Excessive Cost Refusal in terms of section 12 of FOISA***

The Council will not deal with your request in respect of Q1, 2 and 3 in relation to information that it  
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holds because, if it did so, it would incur excessive costs. These costs relate to locating, retrieving and providing the requested information to you.

### ***How the costs are calculated***

As it would cost the Council over £600 to deal with your request, it does not have to give the information to you. I have explained how the Council have calculated the costs in the attached Cost Refusal Note.

### **Request for Review**

The Council has a Review Panel to deal with complaints from people who are not happy about the way that it has handled their request. Staff not involved in the original decision will handle any review.

If you want to complain, you can ask the Review Panel to look at the way that we have dealt with your request. It will consider whether we have complied with the requirements of FOISA. Please note that if you wish to complain, you must do so by **23 January 2020** you must explain why you are not happy when requesting a review.

Please note that the Review Panel cannot look at any decisions taken by the Council or actions of the Council or any of its employees or a service provided by it that are not connected to the handling for request for information.

You should send your request for a review to:

Mr. W. Dunn  
Information Compliance Manager  
Finance and Corporate Resources  
Floor 11  
Council Offices  
Almada Street  
Hamilton  
ML3 0AA

Alternatively, you can request a review at [foi.reviews@southlanarkshire.gov.uk](mailto:foi.reviews@southlanarkshire.gov.uk).

### **Appeal to the Scottish Information Commissioner**

If you are not happy with the outcome of the review, you can appeal to the Scottish Information Commissioner. The Commissioner will decide whether the Council has dealt with your request properly. Please see the Commissioner's website at [www.itspublicknowledge.info](http://www.itspublicknowledge.info) for further details.

Yours sincerely



**Martin Kane**  
**Service Development Manager**

Requests for Information - FOISA  
Fees Notice

Request Reference Number:

Carolyn Housman

Staff costs	Staff type (eg Post Title / Spinal Point)	Task required	Time (hours)	Rate £	Total £
	1 Information Officer	For Q1, 2 and 3 a manual check of 491 records would require to be undertaken.	41	15	615.00
	2 Information Officer	For Q1, 2 and 3 a manual check of 547 records would require to be undertaken.	45.6	15	684.00
	3 Information Officer	For Q1, 2 and 3 a manual check of 617 records would require to be undertaken.	51.4	15	771.00
	4 Information Officer	For Q1, 2 and 3 a manual check of 597 records would require to be undertaken.	49.8	15	747.00
	5 Information Officer	For Q1, 2 and 3 a manual check of 595 records would require to be undertaken.	49.6	15	744.00
	6 Information Officer	For Q1, 2 and 3 a manual check of 548 records would require to be undertaken.	45.7	15	685.50
	7 Information Officer	For Q1, 2 and 3 a manual check of 563 records would require to be undertaken.	46.9	15	703.50
	Information Officer	For Q1, 2 and 3 a manual check of 549 records would require to be undertaken.	45.8	15	687.00
	8 Information Officer	For Q1, 2 and 3 a manual check of 654 records would require to be undertaken.	54.5	15	817.50
<b>Staff cost total</b>					<b>£5,880.08 A</b>
<b>Non-staff costs</b>	<b>Detail</b>				<b>Cost</b>
	1				
	2				
	3				
<b>Non-staff cost total</b>					<b>£0.00 B</b>
<b>Total Estimated Cost (A + B)</b>					<b>£5,880.08</b>