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**Please ask for**

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Dear Oliver Knowles

### **Freedom of Information Act 2000**

Having considered your request for information I regret to advise you that the County Council does not hold the information you have requested.

Warwickshire have on occasion used unregulated accommodation for children under 16 between March 2022 & March 2023 short-term and / or temporary arrangements when a child is considered as requiring alternative care to meet their immediate and complex needs. Unfortunately these are not currently reportable, but do include the following scenarios;

- Children who are placed with grandparents or extended family who are approved by the Family Court but who do not meet fostering regulations
- Children who are on a short break for over 28 days
- Children placed within care arrangements overseen by the Family Court, approved and even ordered by the Family Court but are unregulated as they are not approved arrangements under fostering standards or Ofsted registered

Warwickshire have internal procedures where any unregulated accommodation is being considered for a child to ensure full governance and oversight of such an arrangement and to check it is inline with the needs of the child at that time.

If you are dissatisfied with the handling of your request, you have the right to ask for an internal review. Internal review requests should be submitted within 40 days of the date of receipt of the response to your original letter and should be addressed to:

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If you are not content with the outcome of the internal review, you have the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at:

The Information Commissioner's Office  
Wycliffe House, Water Lane  
Wilmslow, Cheshire  
SK9 5AF  
Phone: 0303 123 1113  
Website: [www.ico.org.uk](http://www.ico.org.uk)

I will now close your request as of this date.

Yours faithfully

Information Rights Officer