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Dear Miss Thoresan

Freedom of Information – Response to Request

Thank you for your request for information relating to Placement Order applications received on 29 June 2012 which has now been considered.

You requested: Since 2006, how many applications for a placement order has DCC made and how many have been granted?

Please list in order of year.

Our response:

Year (01-Apr-xx to 31-Mar-xx)	No. of Placement Order Applications made
2006-7	24
2007-8	29
2008-9	32
2009-10	29
2010-11	45
2011-12	51

With regard to your request for information on how many of these Placement Orders have been granted, we can confirm, per s.1 (1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, that the council does hold the requested information

We have reviewed the request and are unable to provide the information to you because it would exceed the fees limit set by the Act. Under s.12 of the Freedom of Information Act, the council is not obliged to comply with a request for information where the cost of complying would exceed the appropriate limit.

The information is not held electronically or in a way that allows a report to show the requested information and the records we do hold cannot be referenced in such a way that allows us to retrieve or extract specific information or data in either the detail or format you require.

To fulfil your request, we would have to review manually every application to court against the actual order made

This would exceed the limit of work required to satisfy a Freedom of Information request. The limit is £450 as set out in the Freedom of Information and Data Protection (Fees and Appropriate Limit) Regulations 2004 and is calculated at 18 hours at £25 per hour.

As the information is not held electronically, we cannot suggest a way to narrow the request to move it within the fees limit. Even taking a small sample would not necessarily provide the information within the terms of your request.

We would advise however that if the Council applies for a Placement Order it is usually granted by the Court.

I hope that this information is of assistance; however, if you are dissatisfied with the handling of your request, please contact:

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Wycliffe House
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SK9 5AF
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Yours sincerely

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