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Date: 21 March 2019

Dear Madam

**Freedom of Information Act 2000**

Thank you for your recent request to the Council. You asked to be provided with the following information:

*I am writing with a freedom of information request for data relating to the content and outcome of Return Home Interviews (RHIs) provided for runaway or missing children by your authority.*

*When you respond with confirmation that you have received my request, could you please advise whether any clarification is needed in order to complete my request? Please ensure any questions arrive to me prior to the 20 day deadline.*

*Please can you send over answers to the following:*

*+ How many recorded instances of missing then returned children did you have in your authority per year between Jan 1st 2014-Jan 1st 2019? If you can provide a per month break down please do.*

*+How many of these instances were children who had runaway more than once? If possible can you send a break down which shows a numbered list to indicate individual children and a second column with how many times they ran away? This would of course not include their name or any details.*

*+ A summary of the recorded outcomes or actions taken for all completed Return Home Interviews (for example a safeguarding referral, report to the police or to another service). I would like a breakdown of these for Jan 2014-Jan 2019. Ideally this would be laid out by outcome, beside a number of times this was taken. This would sit along side a number of how many RHIs were carried out in total per year. Excel or PDF formats are fine.*

*+ How many of these return interviews contained content about child exploitation?*

*+How many times were the police notified of potential child exploitation, following a RHI?*

*+ Can you send me the hiring requirements for staff employed in-house to carry*

*out RHIs? If you outsource this service please respond with who does this for you.*

*+If you do not outsource and complete RHIs yourself - could you please provide the aide memoire/guidelines/checklist that you use when completing Return Home Interviews?*

## **Response**

I am pleased to provide some of the information you have requested. I have attached copies of the information.

Please see the attached documents for the response to your request.

Please quote the reference number 1078797 in any future communications.

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 two months of the date of receipt of the response to your original letter and should be addressed to:

Information Management Team  
The Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea  
The Town Hall, Hornton Street, London W8 7NX  
Email: [info@royalboroughofkensington.gov.uk](mailto:info@royalboroughofkensington.gov.uk)

If you are still dissatisfied with the Council's response after the internal review you have a right of appeal to the Information Commissioner at:

The Information Commissioner's Office  
Wycliffe House  
Water Lane  
Wilmslow  
Cheshire SK9 5AF.  
Telephone: 01625 545 700  
Website: [www.ico.gov.uk](http://www.ico.gov.uk)

I will now close your request as of this date.

Yours faithfully

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