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## Dear Requester

## Request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (the Act)

The council has considered your requests which we received on 23 March 2018 and our response to your questions is shown below.

1, How many children are currently held on a section 20 order?

As at 26 March 2018 there were 119 young people accommodated under a section 20 order.

2, How many children have been removed off a section 20 order in the last 12 calendar months?

104 unique young people have been removed off a section 20 order. 2 young people had 2 section 20 order episodes ceased in the last 12 months.

3, Of the children removed from a section 20 order in past 12 calendar months. How many of these children were placed into LA care? How many of these cases resulted in children being returned to the care of the Parents?

21 young people placed into local authority care. 30 young people returned to parents / relatives.

4, How many children have been placed with an immediate family member such as Grandparents under the kincare clause or a Special Guardianship order in the past 12 calendar months?

The number of special guardianship orders made to family members is 24 out of 25. There are 17 connected person/kinship carers.

5, What is the longest amount of time that a child has been left on a section 20 order without going to Court? Please give statistics for the past 3 calendar's years?



The council have reviewed this part of your request carefully, in accordance with section 1(3) of the Act in its current form part of your request is considered to be unclear or ambiguous. The council has a duty under section 16(1) of the Act to provide advice and assistance, as far as is reasonable to do so, before we can consider your request we will require some clarification from you.

Regarding this question did you mean:

• What is the longest someone has been in care under section 20 of the Children act prior to an application for a court order has been made?

If you meant something else please clarify in your response. Should you wish to receive this information please submit a refined request.

The council is under no further obligation to respond to this part of your request until your clarification has been provided. Please note that this part of your request has been closed, upon receipt of your clarified request a new reference number and 20 working day time limit will be applied the next working day after the council receives your clarification.

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Yours sincerely

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