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Dear Requester

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

The council apologise for the delay in responding to your request. Over 95% of Freedom of Information requests are responded to within 20 working days, please be assured that every effort is put in ensure the council answer requests in a timely manner. The council has considered your request, which was received on 24 April 2018, and our response to your questions is shown below.

1. *What is the longest time a child has been on a section 20 order in the past 24 calendar months before the LA have gone to Court?*

We have reviewed your request carefully, in accordance with section 1(3) of the Act we would like to request some further clarification from you after deliberation between appropriate staff. The council have suggested an alternative form of wording below. Can you clarify if this accurately reflects your query in which case we will respond.

What is the longest period of time that a child who came into the care of the local authority in the last 24 months under section 20 of the Children Act 1989 remained subject to section 20 of the Children act prior to being made subject to either an Interim Care Order or Care Order.

The council is under no further obligation to respond to your request until your clarification has been provided. Please note 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 day after the council receives your clarification.

2. *At the moment what is the longest time a Child has been on a section 20 order please give statistics for present time.*

One child has been in care under section 20 of the Children Act 1989 as at 21.5.2018 is 11 years, 11 months, and 9 days. The circumstances of this case are highly unusual and have involved court scrutiny through the wardship process. The council can advise that for other children and young people who were accommodated with S20 the average number of days was 404.



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Yours sincerely

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