

## **FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000**

Your request for information has now been considered and the Council's response to your questions is shown below.

### **You asked:**

**As at March 2013, or the latest available date for which you have data, could you please provide:**

**1. The following:**

**a. For the school that each looked after child attends:**

- i. How many looked after children who are the responsibility of your local authority attend that school, anonymising the schools if necessary.**

Please find the relevant information attached

- ii. Whether the looked after child is in his/her current school as the result of the standard admissions process or in-year admissions process.**

Section 12 of the Act makes provision for public authorities to refuse requests for information where the cost of dealing with them would exceed the appropriate limit, which for local government is set at £450. This represents the estimated cost of one person spending more than 18 hours in determining whether the department holds the information, locating, retrieving and extracting the information.

Across the service we have 298 open cases involving looked after children and young people. We would need to consider all open cases to provide a response; drilling down into each record to establish if the current school placement was through the standard admissions process or in-year. This would require a manual check of each child's record, allowing just 10 minutes per record would still exceed the appropriate 18 hour limit.

This is therefore a Refusal Notice under section 17.1 of the Freedom of Information Act, because under the provisions of section 12.1 of the Act, the Council estimates that to comply with your request in its current form will exceed the appropriate limit.

**If the school is anonymised, then please provide the following and if it is not anonymised please ignore points iii to vi.**

- iii. The most recent Ofsted grade of the school.**

- iv. The percentage of ALL pupils who gain 5 A\*-C including English and Maths in that school.
- v. The percentage of pupils at the school who are FSM.
- vi. The type of school categorised as primary, secondary or 16-18 and sub-categorised as mainstream, special school, or other.

**2. The job titles and description of the role of the people in the local authority who shoulder the corporate responsibility for the educational attainment of looked after children, and:**

Please find the relevant information attached

- a. The total budget for the provision of educational services for looked after children in your local authority.

£437,000 staffing & operational allocated for 2013-2014

**3. An indication as to whether your local authority has a Virtual School Head, as defined as a person (who must be an officer of that or another authority) who carries out the duty to promote the educational attainment of children they look after<sup>[1]</sup>. And if so how many staff report to this person with regards to these duties (and an indication as to whether they work part time or full time). And**

Please find the relevant information attached.

- a. A figure for the total cost of running the virtual school.

£437,000 staffing & operational allocated for 2013-2014

**4. The number of looked after children who are the responsibility of the virtual school.**

298

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