

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:

Please provide the names of all public servants/ civil servants in your employ who hold shares in Core Assets foster care industry and any other foster care agencies nationwide?

The Council does not hold this information. Therefore, this letter acts as a refusal notice under section 17.1 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 because, in accordance with section 1.1 of the Act, this information is not held by Leicester City Council.

Please provide details of dates since 1996, when all shareholders purchased these shares, and if there is a conflict of interests? Should any public servant hold shares in a private company who make profit from children who may well have been stolen by the state under false allegations and perjury from loving homes to meet quotas?

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How many of your serving social workers are also fostering children? how many police officers are fostering children? how many other Council employees are foster parents?

Our policy is that no employee who comes under the line management of the Director of Social Care and Safeguarding can be assessed as a foster carer for Leicester City Council.

We do not keep specific records of the employment status of foster carers as this is not a requirement or regulation. Undoubtedly, some foster carers will be employed by LCC as this often complements their role i.e. teaching assistants and dinner supervisors. Social Workers will generally know the employment status of their foster carers, but this information is not necessarily held as part of a foster carers file. Therefore this letter acts as a refusal notice under section 17.1 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 because, in accordance with section 1.1 of the Act, this information is not held by Leicester City Council.

Please also provide statistics on public servants/civil servants and their immediate families, who have been involved in family courts with regard to their own children being placed on the At Risk Register since 1996, and how many had their children permanently removed or forcibly adopted?

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 fieldwork we have between 1500 and 1800 open cases. In order to answer your request all open cases would need to be considered in order to identify the cohort; we would then need to drill down into each record identified in order to gather the case specific information you've requested.

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.

What training are public servants and civil servants given in relation to enforcement of the children's act for child protective purposes? And are they fully conversant with the legislations they enforce? Or do they rely on the Legal Services to tell them how to apply the act and what they can and cannot do?

Social Workers are fully conversant with child care legislation but will consult with Legal Services appropriately to discuss, clarify and be advised as to which element of specific legislation be executed depending on the circumstances.

Please provide details of all CEO's with corporate responsibility liability and culpability when serious miscarriages of Justice occur, ie when Social Workers and police perjure themselves under oath in the courts by providing hearsay evidence and rely on assumption and presumption, in place of prima facie evidence?

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Please provide the names of all those who work in liaison with the Local Authority franchise, based in London, corporate development schemes and to whom they are answerable when profit comes before safeguarding children?

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Information and Support
Leicester City Council
FREEPOST (LE985/33)
New Walk Centre
LEICESTER LE1 6ZG
e-mail: info-requests@leicester.gov.uk

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Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow SK9 5AF
Telephone: 01625 545 700
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