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To: [REDACTED]
Subject: FOI-17-1685 - Children's Services
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Dear [REDACTED],

Please accept our sincere apologies for the delay in responding to your information request of 15 November 2017. Aberdeen City Council (ACC) has completed the necessary search for the information requested.

It was for the last 3, 2 and 1 years from now and its only for children who were subject of a child protection order that was accommodated by the local authority either in Aberdeen or the responsibility of ACC.

How many children has Aberdeen Children's services taken into care in the last 3, 2 and last 12 months?

January – December 2015 = 20 children

January – December 2016 = 24 children

January – December 2017 = 46 children

How many of those Children who were removed by unit 15 (Torry, children's services) in the same time periods as above?

We can only provide figures from October 2016 as Unit 15 did not come into being until then.

October 2016 – December 2017 = 4 children.

How many Children were returned home after been looked after status in the same time periods?

January – December 2015 = 2 children

January – December 2016 = 4 children

January – December 2017 = 2 children

How many children has been returned home in the last 3 years under unit 15, Torry?

We can only provide figures from October 2016 as Unit 15 did not come into being until then.

Since October 2016 – 0 children.

Of all the children removed in the last 3 years in the City of Aberdeen how many was returned to:

1/both parents

2/the mum only

3/the dad only

4/kinship

8 children were returned to either both parents, mother only, father only and kinship. As this number is quite low, ACC is reluctant to break it down any further as this may lead to the identification of particular persons.

ACC is unable to provide you with information on **Of all the children removed in the last 3 years in the City of Aberdeen how many was returned to both parents, the mum only, the dad only , kinship** as it is exempt from disclosure. In order to comply with its obligations under the terms of Section 16 of the FOISA, ACC hereby gives notice that we are refusing your request under the terms of Section 38(1)(b) in conjunction with 38(2)(a)(i) – Personal Information - of the FOISA.

In making this decision ACC considered the following points:

ACC is of the opinion that Section 38(1)(b) applies to the information specified above as the information in question is personal information relating to living individual(s), of which the applicant is not the data subject. ACC is of the view that disclosing exact numbers could enable the individual(s) involved to be identified.

ACC is of the opinion that Section 38(2)(a)(i) applies, as we consider that disclosure of this information would be a breach of the first Data Protection Principle (that personal information must be processed fairly and lawfully). The individual(s) have not consented to the disclosure of their information, and ACC does not consider that they would expect ACC to release this information about them into the public domain under the FOISA.

Over the last year how much did it cost the average child to be looked after in care per year?

Over the last year, the average cost for a child subject to a Child Protection Order to be looked after in care is £106.25 per year.

A child protection order lasts up to the 8th day Children's Hearing.

In some instances there will be no charge to the Local Authority as the child is placed with a family member or retained in hospital such as a new born baby, or a child who must remain there as a place of safety.

The total cost over the last 3, 2 and last 12months?

The total costs for children subject to a Child Protection Order are as follows:

2017 (21-12-2016 to 20-12-2017): £4,480.70

2016 (21-12-2015 to 20-12-2016): £2,912.53

2015 (21-12-2014 to 20-12-2015): £3,456.09

We hope this helps with your request.

Yours sincerely,

Grant Webster
Information Compliance Officer

INFORMATION ABOUT THE HANDLING OF YOUR REQUEST

ACC handled your request for information in accordance with the provisions of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002. Please refer to the attached PDF for more information about

your rights under FOISA.

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