

FOI Reference Number: FOI/227/1819

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Request:

I am writing to you under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 to request the following information.

I am asking for annual data from 2013 onwards about the number of minors referred to your authority under the National Referral Mechanism AND how many of these children have been reported missing after entering your care. If possible, please could you include their ages and nationality (although if this would be too time-consuming under the Act and would lead to my request being denied, please omit this data).

Please provide the information in the form of an Excel spreadsheet or PDF, whichever is easiest for you.

If it is not possible to provide the information requested due to the information exceeding the cost of compliance limits identified in Section 12, please provide advice and assistance, under the Section 16 obligations of the Act, as to how I can refine my request.

If you can identify any ways that my request could be refined, I'd be very grateful if you could let me know.

If you have any queries please don't hesitate to contact me via email or phone and I will be happy to clarify what I am asking for, my details are outlined below.

Thank you for your time, I appreciate it!

Response:

Thank you for your information request which Mid and East Antrim Borough Council received on 03/08/2018.

Please find below Mid and East Antrim Borough Council's response to the information you requested in relation to the number of minors referred to your authority under the National Referral Mechanism.

Please note that in Northern Ireland district councils are not responsible for the provision of social care. Please contact the Northern Health and Social Care Trust who should be able to help you with your request.

If you are dissatisfied with the handling of part of your request, you have the right to ask for an internal review. Internal review requests should be submitted within two months of the date of receipt of the response to your original letter and should be addressed to the Chief Executive at the Braid Ballymena Town Hall, 1-29 Bridge Street, Ballymena, BT43 5EJ.

Please remember to quote the reference number FOI/227/1819 in any future communications.

If you are not content with the outcome of an internal review, you have the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at: Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF.

Please be advised that Mid and East Antrim Borough Council may release the response to this information request into the public domain via our website at <https://www.midandeastantrim.gov.uk/>.

If we publish our response to your request, your personal data will be removed to protect your privacy.