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Date: 20 August 2018

Request:

- Please detail the number of children taken into care by your local authority as a result of the detention of a parent by the Home Office and/or immigration services in the last 5 years. If possible for each case, please provide details of the age of the child, the length of their stay in care, the year it took place and any details about the case that would not violate data protection laws.

- Please detail number of children in the care of your local authority who have gone missing in the last 5 years. Break down these figures by those children taken into care by your local authority as a result of the detention of a parent by the Home Office and/or immigration services, and those who have not. If possible for each case, please provide details of the age of the child, the length of their stay in care, the year it took place and any details about the case that would not violate data protection laws.

Response:

Thank you for your information request which Mid and East Antrim Borough Council received on 20 August 2018.

Please find below Mid and East Antrim Borough Council's response to the information you requested in relation to children in care/detentions.

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/253/1819 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.