

Response to Request for Information

Reference FOI 003640 **Date** 5 June 2019

Forced Adoptions

Request:

Could I please have the following information:

- Number of forced adoptions by year (2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018) in your county.

In response to your above question, Section 1 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 places two duties on public authorities. Unless exemptions apply, the first duty at:

- Section 1(1) (a) is to confirm or deny whether the information specified in a request is held.
- The second duty at Section 1(1)(b) is to disclose information that has been confirmed as being held.

In respect of your above question, it has been established after careful consideration that the Council does not hold the above information.

Consequently, we are unable to provide any information relating to the above, and are informing you as required by Section 1(1) (a) of the Act, that states:

"Any person making a request for information to a public authority is entitled to be informed in writing by the public authority whether it holds information of the description specified in the request". [NOT PROTECTIVELY MARKED]