

Reference: RFI 1801073

**Request:**

I am sending this request under the Freedom of Information Act to ask for the following information:

1. How many children in total were adopted in your local authority area in financial years:
  - a) 2009-10 - 17
  - b) 2010-11 – 23
  - c) 2011-12 - 22
  - d) 2012-13 - 22
  - e) 2013-14 - 25
  - f) 2014-15 - 23
  - g) 2015-16 - 25
  - h) 2016-17 - 15
  
2. How many children in your local authority were adopted by parent/parents from a different ethnic or religious background to the child in financial years:
  - a) 2009-10
  - b) 2010-11
  - c) 2011-12
  - d) 2012-13
  - e) 2013-14
  - f) 2014-15
  - g) 2015-16
  - h) 2016-17

The gathering of this data would require multiple record searches in the Local Authority and contact with external agencies who approved the adopters matched with the North Tyneside child. This would require checking over 170 records at a minimum of 10 minutes per record, Therefore this part of the request is refused under s12 (1) Freedom of Information Act 2000, since the cost of complying would exceed the appropriate limit set out in the Freedom of Information and Data Protection (Appropriate Limit and Fees) Regulations 2004.

In assessing the cost of complying, the costs attributable to officer time involved in complying have been taken into account. Such costs are limited to £450.00 under the Regulations, which equates to eighteen hours of officer time.

3. How many prospective adopters were rejected because they weren't an ethnic or religious match with any of the children in the local authority waiting to be adopted? In financial years:
  - a) 2009-10
  - b) 2010-11
  - c) 2011-12
  - d) 2012-13
  - e) 2013-14
  - f) 2014-15
  - g) 2015-16
  - h) 2016-17

None, North Tyneside Council would not reject prospective adopters due to their religion or ethnic background.

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