

From: Freedom of Information Requests

Sent: 18 September 2025 14:54

To:

Subject: FOI - Response

Dear Sir/Madam,

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request dated 4 September 2025 for information about adoption figures. Please find below City of Doncaster Council's responses to the questions you have raised.

Request

How many Section 20s (voluntary accommodation for a looked after child under Section 20 of the Children Act 1989) have been registered for a child leaving adoption in your local authority area? (Either into care, a kinship placement or family/friend placement).

How many Section 47s (child protection investigations initiated under Section 47 of the Children Act 1989) have been registered in relation to an adopted child in your local authority area?

How many Section 31 care orders (under the Children Act of 1989) have been registered in relation to an adopted child in your local authority area? (Care orders where an adoptive placement has broken down).

Response

This information is not held as once a child is adopted, a new record is created for them on our social care system with no link to their previous record, therefore if they get referred back into Social Care we do not have an identifier to say they have been previously been adopted.

I hope that this information is useful to you.

The City of Doncaster Council estimates that it has cost £49 to respond to this request for information.

Reviewing any decisions made:

If you are not happy with this reply you can ask us to review our response. To do this write to us within 40 working days of receiving your response at the address below or email FOIAppeals@doncaster.gov.uk

If you do not agree with the review decision you can apply to the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO) for a decision about our compliance or otherwise with the Freedom of Information legislation. Contact details for the ICO are: Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF. www.ico.org.uk Telephone 0303 123 1113.

Yours faithfully,

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