

Information Governance

9 February 2018

Our Ref: RFI 22521

Dear

**Freedom of Information Act 2000
Information in Relation to Adoption Statistics for the Period 2009-2017**

I am writing to confirm that the South Eastern Health & Social Care Trust (the Trust) has now completed its search for information relating to the above which you requested on 23 January 2018.

A response to each of the questions raised has been provided by the Children's Services & Social Work Directorate and is attached in Appendix A.

Under the terms of the legislation, if you are unhappy with this response you have the right to seek a review within the Trust in the first instance. If you wish to do so, please write to me at the address below.

If after such a review you are still unhappy with the response, you have the right to appeal to the Information Commissioner who will undertake an independent review. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at The Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, SK9 5AF.

If you have any queries about this letter, please do not hesitate to contact me. Please remember to quote the reference number above in any future communications.

Yours sincerely

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Head of Information Governance &
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Q1. How many children in total were adopted in your local authority area for the financial years 2009 to 2017.

Please see response provided in Table 1 below.

Table 1

	Financial Year	Number of Children Adopted
a.	2009-2010	7
b.	2010-2011	5
c.	2011-2012	10
d.	2012-2013	11
e.	2013-2014	25
f.	2014-2015	13
g.	2015-2016	10
h.	2016-2017	17

Q2. How many children in your local authority were adopted by parent/parents from a different ethnic or religious background to the child, for the financial years 2009 to 2017.

Please see response provided in Table 2 below:-

Table 2

	Financial Year	Number of Children Adopted
a.	2009-2010	0
b.	2010-2011	<5
c.	2011-2012	0
d.	2012-2013	0
e.	2013-2014	<5
f.	2014-2015	0
g.	2015-2016	0
h.	2016-2017	0

Q3. 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 for the financial years 2009 to 2017.

A3. For the financial years 2009 to 2017 the figure is nil.