

24 April 2018

Our Ref: RFI 23019

Dear

**Freedom of Information Act 2000
Information in Relation to the Number of Children Placed in Unregulated
Family Foster Placements**

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 March 2018.

A response to the question raised has been provided by the Children's Services & Social Work Directorate and is provided below.

We write to request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 any information that you hold in respect of how many children that are placed in unregulated family foster placements (i.e. foster placements with family members that do not meet the provisions of the fostering regulations).

I can confirm that the Trust has 17 unregulated foster placements which fall under 2 categories:-

1. Ten placements which are assessed as meeting the provision under fostering regulations.
2. Seven assessments which are unregulated as the assessments have not been completed within the regulatory timescales however continue to be subject to assessment and will be presented to the Trust Fostering Panel upon completion of the assessment.

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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Directorate Support