

10 June 2019

Our Ref: RFI 27694

Dear

**Freedom of Information Act 2000
Information in Relation to Citizenship of Looked After Children in the Trust**

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 1 March 2019.

I apologise for the significant delay in responding to this request and as advised on 23 May 2019, there have been some significant staff changes which made it difficult to retrieve the information. I also apologise for the confusion over the response for another Freedom of Information request, RFI 27696, requested at the same time.

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

If you are unhappy as to how this request has been handled, you have the right to seek a review within the Trust in the first instance. You should write to the Information Governance Department, Lough House, Ards Community Hospital (informationgovernance@setrust.hscni.net) within two months of the date of this response and your complaint will be considered and a response provided, within 20 working days of receipt.

If, after receiving a response, you remain unhappy, you can refer your complaint to the Information Commissioner at The Information Commissioner's Office –Northern Ireland, 3rd Floor, 14 Cromac Place, Belfast, BT7 2JB. It is important to note that if you refer any matter to the Information Commissioner, you will need to show evidence of having gone through the Trust's internal review procedure to try to resolve the matter with the Trust in the first instance.

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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Information Governance Assistant

Q1. As of today's date how many Looked After Children are there in your Trust?

A1. 588 children.

Q2. In relation to 1 above how many of these children are citizens of EU countries other than the Republic of Ireland or the United Kingdom?

A2. 25 children.

Q3. In relation to 2 above how many of these children have parents who are (a) British Citizens (b) Irish Citizens, (c) Other EU Citizens (for each list the citizenship type and country)

A3. a) None.
b) None.
c) Latvia – 11
Slovakia – 7
Poland – 4
Lithuania – 1
Germany – 1
Luxembourg - 1

Q4. In relation to 1 above how many of these children are citizens of countries other than EU countries, the Republic of Ireland or the United Kingdom?

A4. None.

Q5. In relation to 4 above how many of these children have parents who are (a) British Citizens (b) Irish Citizens, (c) Other EU Citizens (for each list the citizenship type and country)

A5a-c. None.

Q6. a) In relation to 1 above how many of these children are currently not documented citizens of any country? b) In relation to 2 & 4 above please list each country and the number of children who are citizens of each country?

A6. a) None.
b) Latvia – 11
Hungary - 4
Poland – 4
Slovakia – 3
Germany – 1
Luxembourg – 1
Lithuania – 1

Q7. In relation to 2,4 & 6 above please state the number of children who have had an application for British Citizenship filed?

A7. Two children.

Q8. In relation to 2,4 & 6 above please state the number of children who have, or who have filed for dual citizenship, for each detail the citizenship.

Q9. In relation to 2,4 & 6 above please state the number of children who have had an application for Irish Citizenship filed?

A8 -9. None.

Q10. In relation to 8 above please detail the number of these applications which have been successfully completed with the UK Home Office.

A10. Three applications.

Q11. In relation to 10 above please detail the number of applications which have been successfully completed by the Irish Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade?

A11. None.