



## Response to Request for Information

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### *Children who are Voluntarily Accommodated*

#### **Request:**

I am writing to you under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 to request information about children who are voluntarily accommodated under section 20 of the Children Act 1989. Please could you possibly advise on the following:

1. How many non-national children did you accommodate under section 20 of the Children Act 1989 in 2016/2017/2018? Please exclude children who entered the UK as unaccompanied minors and are seeking asylum.

In response to question 1, Section 1 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 places two duties on public authorities. Unless exemptions apply, the first duty at:

- Section 1(1) (a) is to confirm or deny whether the information specified in a request is held.
- The second duty at Section 1(1)(b) is to disclose information that has been confirmed as being held.

In respect of question 1, it has been established after careful consideration that the Council does not hold the above information as we do not analyse our information in the format requested ie nationality.

Consequently, we are unable to provide any information relating to the above, and are informing you as required by Section 1(1) (a) of the Act, that states:

"Any person making a request for information to a public authority is entitled to be informed in writing by the public authority whether it holds information of the description specified in the request".

2. How many children did you accommodate under section 20 of the Children Act 1989 for a consecutive period over 180 days in 2016/2017/2018?

Please note that in our response below we have included non-British and UASC as not stated.

2016 – 17

2017 – 19

2018 - 12

3. How many children in Q1 had parents who did not speak English?

In response to question 3, Section 1 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 places two duties on public authorities. Unless exemptions apply, the first duty at:

- Section 1(1) (a) is to confirm or deny whether the information specified in a request is held.
- The second duty at Section 1(1)(b) is to disclose information that has been confirmed as being held.

In respect of question 3, it has been established after careful consideration that the Council does not hold the above information as we do not analyse our information in the format requested.

Consequently, we are unable to provide any information relating to the above, and are informing you as required by Section 1(1) (a) of the Act, that states:

"Any person making a request for information to a public authority is entitled to be informed in writing by the public authority whether it holds information of the description specified in the request".

4. How many children from Q1 had written accommodation agreements?

0

5. How many children from Q1 had written accommodation agreements translated into another language?

0

6. How many children from Q1 were accommodated for a consecutive period over 180 days in 2016/2017/2018?

Please refer to our response to question 1.

7. What are the age breakdowns of children from Q1 and Q2?

**Q1 - 2016**

0-5 - 1  
6-10 - 3  
11-15 - 3  
16+ - 1

**Q1 -2017**

0-5 - 2  
6-10 - 1  
11-15 - 1  
16+ - 0

**Q1 -2018**

0-5 - 1

6-10 - 0

11-15 - 3

16+ - 0

**Q2 -2016**

0-5 - 0

6-10 - 0

11-15 - 11

16+ - 6

**Q2 -2017**

0-5 - 1

6-10 - 2

11-15 - 13

16+ - 3

**Q2 -2018**

0-5 - 1

6-10 - 1

11-15 - 8

16+ - 2

8. How many children from Q1 and Q2 have plans in place for:

a. A care order under section 31 Children Act 1989?

0

b. A placement order under section 21 Adoption and Children Act 2002?

3 children currently have a plan of adoption