

## Response to Request for Information

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### *Unaccompanied Asylum Seeking Children*

#### **Request:**

I apply under the terms of the Freedom of Information legislation for the following information about unaccompanied asylum seeking children cared for by your Local Authority.

We are aware that the increases in numbers of arrivals of unaccompanied asylum-seeking children have been unprecedented and are mindful that the increases pose significant challenges for all those working to support this vulnerable group.

To this end we respectfully request the following information:

- 1) In total, how many Unaccompanied Asylum-Seeking Children (UASC) were looked after by you as a local authority as of 31 October 2016? **Six**
- 2) How many transfers of UASC have you accepted as a receiving local authority on a voluntary basis under the National Transfer Scheme or similar voluntary arrangements as described in the Interim National Transfer Protocol (see page 3, paragraph 3 of the Interim National Transfer Protocol [https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/534258/Interim\\_National\\_UASC\\_transfer\\_protocol.pdf](https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/534258/Interim_National_UASC_transfer_protocol.pdf)), during the period from 1 July 2016 until 31 October 2016? **Six**
- 3) If you as a local authority did not accept any transfers as per the above question, please select one or more of the following options to explain the reason why:
  - (a) We have not been requested to receive any transfers.
  - (b) We are over the ceiling of 0.07% UASC to child population.
  - (c) We have not agreed to take part in the National Transfers Scheme on a voluntary basis.
  - (d) Other (please explain further).