

Response to Request for Information

Reference FOI 000689

Date 12 December 2016

Syrian Vulnerable Person Resettlement Scheme

Request:

I am writing to request some information about refugees resettled under the Syrian Vulnerable Persons Resettlement scheme (SVPRS), including dependents.

I am after the following information:

- 1. How many people has your LA pledged to resettle under the SVPRS by the end of the scheme (end of 2020?)

 100
- 2. How many people have been resettled in your LA under the SVPRS as of Friday 9 December 2016?
- 3. Can you provide any information about the way housing is found for refugees resettled under the SVPRS, specifically:
- are any of the houses organised through private companies such as G4S or Serco?

If so how many properties?

In respect of your above question, it has been established after careful consideration that the Council does not hold the above information as the provider of the contract is in the process of sourcing accommodation. 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".
- are you aware of any charities or faith groups making property available to house refugees brought in through the scheme? If so, how many properties? In respect of your above question, it has been established after careful consideration that the Council does not hold the above information. 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:

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- 4. Please provide any official correspondence or communications from your council regarding the policy of obtaining accommodation for refugees under the SVPRS. N/A