

Response to Request for Information

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Unaccompanied Asylum Seeking Children – Copies of Responses

Request:

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 can you supply copies of all responses provided by your local authority to the following Home Office correspondence concerning local authority capacity to care for unaccompanied asylum seeking children:

- (a) The letter dated 8 September 2016 sent to 'All Local Council Leaders' by Robert Goodwill MP, Minister of State for Immigration. This letter had the heading 'UNACCOMPANIED ASYLUM SEEKING AND REFUGEE CHILDREN'; and
[In response to your request, no formal response was provided to either letter as our negotiations about how we could help was provided to the West Midlands Strategic Migration partnership who led on this on behalf of the West Midlands.](#)

- (b) The letter dated 14 October 2016 sent to Local Authority Leaders by the Rt Hon Amber Rudd, Home Secretary, and Edward Timpson MP, Minister of State for Vulnerable Children and Families. This letter had no heading but concerned local authority capacity to care for unaccompanied asylum seeking children and began with 'At the start of September the Immigration Minister wrote to you to ask you to participate...'; and
[As above.](#)

- (c) Any other request by the Home Office for indications of how many places your local authority would be willing to offer to unaccompanied asylum seeking children under s.67 Immigration Act 2016, 'the Dubs Amendment' or under the National Transfer Scheme.
[In response to your request to support Unaccompanied Asylum Seeking Children made to the City of Wolverhampton by the Home Office and Ministers; the City of Wolverhampton has received, and cares for 6 young people. During 2016 5 young people were transferred to the care of the City of Wolverhampton from Kent, another young person has transferred to the care of Wolverhampton from the London Borough of Ealing through the National Transfer Scheme.](#)