

Response to Request for Information

Reference FOI 000999 **Date** 23 March 2017

Unaccompanied Asylum-Seeking Children (UASCs)

Request:

- Is your authority participating in the National Transfer Scheme for unaccompanied asylum-seeking children (UASCs)? Yes
- 2. Under the National Transfer Scheme, local authorities have been asked to increase the number of UASCs in their care to a threshold equating to 0.07% of their total child population. What would this number be in your area? The latest Mid-Year Population Estimate (MYE) from ONS stated there were 58,167 0-17s in the city in 2015. Therefore, 0.07% of the 58,167 equals a potential of 41 UASC LAC in Wolverhampton.
- 3. Have you agreed to support this number of UASCs in principle? If not, please provide the total number of UASCs your authority has indicated it would be willing to support.
 - We are currently caring for 10 young people and have offered places for a further 5 young people in 17/18. We will continue to support the NTS in a planned way ensuring we can meet the needs of those children we accommodate through the NTS.
- 4. What is the number of UASCs in your care as of 23 March 2017? Ten children were coded as UASC on 23rd March 2017.
- How many UASCs have you accepted under the National Transfer Scheme as of 23 March 2017?