



Response to Request for Information

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Homeless People

Request:

I am writing to make a Freedom of Information request for all the information to which I am entitled under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. To assist you with this request, I am outlining my query as specifically as possible. As I'm sure you will understand, this may not be a definitive list of relevant information.

Please provide me with details relating to the number of homeless people sent to foreign countries for reconnection. By this, I refer to those cases where a homeless person - who may be foreign or have a support system in a foreign country - has a ticket paid for to go to that place.

Specifically, please provide me with the destination of where these homeless people are sent. Please also tell me how much the tickets cost. Please specify whether they travelled by plane, train or bus.

Please break down the instances by year. In particular, I would like information specific to 2017. If there is time, please also provide information for 2016.

If any of this information is already in the public domain, please can you direct me to it, with page references and URLs if necessary. I would be grateful if you could confirm in writing that you have received this request. I look forward to hearing from you in the near future.

In response to your request, we can confirm that we have offered the option via the Refugee and Migrant Centre in 2015 to 3 clients. However in 2016 and 2017, no one has taken this up.

In October 2016, the LA helped with arrangements for a return to Romania. The cost of flight was met by Family members and the LA accommodated the gentleman in a care home until he was fit to travel and a flight was arranged.

In November 2016, the Refugee and Migrant Centre facilitated a return to Poland and the LA accommodated the person until the flight was arranged.

No persons were returned in 2017.