

Response to Request for Information

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Missing Children

Request:

I would like to request the following information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 relating to children in the care of your local authority going missing. I would appreciate it if you could state whether the figures are classified as “missing” or “absent” to take into account the different ways in which this data is collected.

I would appreciate it if you could provide the following information:

- 1) The total number of children in care who went missing in each of the three calendar years 2015/16/17 who remain unfound?
2015 = 0
2016 = 3
2017 = 0
- 2) Numbers of unaccompanied asylum seeking children who have gone missing in each of the past three calendar years 2015, 2016, 2017. Please could you also state:
2015 = 0
2016 = 3
2017 = 2
 - The number of missing incidents relating to this group (please break down into “missing” and “absent” if relevant).
There were 7 missing episodes.
 - The length of each missing episode.
2 episodes were 3 days and 2 episodes were 5 days and 3 remain unfound.
 - The nationality, age and gender of each missing child.
Male 12 Vietnamese
Male 16 Vietnamese
Female 16 Vietnamese
Male 15 Kurdish
Male 16 Iranian
 - Numbers of children in this group who remain unfound
3 remain unfound

- 3) Numbers of children suspected or identified as trafficked who have gone missing in each of the past three calendar years, 2015, 2016 and 2017. Please could you also state:

Please note that across the 3 years there were 12 young people suspected or identified as trafficked who have gone missing, however some young people had missing episodes in more than one year.

2015 = 6

2016 = 7

2017 = 10

- The total number of missing incidents relating to this group (please break down into “missing” and “absent” if relevant).

There were 138 missing episodes for the 12 young people.

- The length of each missing episode.

Length of episode (in days)	Number of missing incidents
Same day	59
1	51
2	11
3	2
4	2
5	3
6	2
8	3
9	2
10	1
11	1
12	1

- The nationality, age and gender of each missing child?

Male 13 British

Female 14 British

Female 16 British

Female 15 Polish

Female 14 British

Female 15 British

Female 12 British

Female 15 British

Female 17 British

Female 14 British

Female 12 British

Female 14 British

- Numbers of children in this group who remain unfound

All were found