

Response to Request for Information

Reference FOI 021638
Date 08 February 2016

Looked After Unaccompanied Asylum Seeking Children

Request:

I am writing to request information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. In order to assist you with this request, I am outlining my query as specifically as possible

1. How many unaccompanied asylum seeking children is the local authority currently responsible for? (as at 1 February 2016, or nearest marker)
In response to Q1 and Q3, we can confirm that the department holds information that you have asked for in relation to the above. However, the information is exempt under section 21 of the FOI Act because it is reasonably accessible to you, and I am pleased to inform you that you can access it on our website via the following links and select file reference FOI 101583:

<http://www.wolverhampton.gov.uk/article/6266/Social-care>

Section 21(1) of the Freedom of Information Act exempts disclosure of information that is reasonably accessible by other means, and the terms of the exemption mean that we do not have to consider whether or not it would be in the public interest for you to have the information.

You can find out more about Section 21 by reading the extract from the Act, available at: <http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2000/36/section/21>

2. How many Looked After children total is the local authority currently responsible for? If possible- how many of these are British natives?
As of 10th February 2016, there were 675 LAC. Of those, 113 had a nationality recorded on their record and, out of those 113, 92 had British nationality.
3. How many Looked After Unaccompanied Asylum Seeking Children went:
 - a. missing permanently (i.e. they have not returned as of this date)
 - b. missing temporarily (i.e. they were missing but returned)Please break numbers down by each month: September 2015, October 2015, November 2015, December 2015, January 2016
[See Q1.](#)
4. How many social workers are employed directly by the local authority as of 1 February 2016. How many were employed as of 1st Sept 2015 (or nearest

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convenient marker)?

Social Workers employed as at 01/02/2016 = 225fte

Social Workers employed as at 01/09/2015 = 200fte

Social Work positions include the following:

Social Workers, Senior Social Work Manager, Social Work Unit Manager, Senior Practitioners, Independent Reviewing Officers, Registered Manager, Newly Qualified Social Worker.