CITY OF WOLVERHAMPTON COUNCIL

Response to Request for Information

ReferenceFOI 021692Date16 February 2016

Children Going Missing and Xrays

Request:

1. How many Looked After Vietnamese children (if possible, specifically Unaccompanied Asylum Seeking children) went missing a. permanently, b. temporarily, each month for 2013, 2014, 2015 and the Jan 2016? No children recorded as being Vietnamese nationality in any of those years, therefore nil

2. How many Looked After Albanian children (if possible, specifically Unaccompanied Asylum Seeking children) went missing a. permanently, b. temporarily, each month for 2013, 2014, 2015 and the Jan 2016? No children recorded as being Albanian nationality in any of those years, therefore nil

3. If possible- How many children in the local authorities care are classified as "vulnerable" (any child specifically registered as "at risk" or in danger of being trafficked). How many of these are unaccompanied asylum seeking children? In respect of question 3, it has been established after careful consideration that the Council does not hold information with a "at risk" category. Consequently, we are unable to provide any information relating to the above, and are informing you as required by Section 1(1) (a) of the Act, that states:

"Any person making a request for information to a public authority is entitled to be informed in writing by the public authority whether it holds information of the description specified in the request".

However, I can inform you that we do have a flag as to whether someone is in danger of being trafficked and can provide the following information:

As of 01/03/16, out of the 674 looked after children (LAC), 2 of the LAC had a danger of being trafficked flag. Neither of those LAC were unaccompanied asylum seeking children.

4. How many times did the local authority send a child for dental x-ray as part of an age assessment, broken down by month in 2013, 2014, 2015 and Jan 2016 In respect of your above question, it has been established after careful consideration that the Council does not hold the above information. Consequently, we are unable to provide any information relating to the above, and are informing you as required by Section 1(1) (a) of the Act, that states:

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