



Response to Request for Information

Reference FOI 091558
Date 14 September 2015

Unaccompanied Asylum Seeking Children Numbers, budget and accommodation

Request and response in 'blue':

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 September 2015, or nearest marker)
3 as of 21st September 2015.
2. How many former relevant children (i.e. former unaccompanied asylum seeking children between the ages of 18-21 years) is the local authority responsible for?
9 as of 21st September 2015.
3. How many appeal rights exhausted post-18 unaccompanied asylum seeking children is the local authority currently responsible for? (as at 1 September 2015, or nearest marker)
We do not hold this information.
4.
 - a. How many UASCs can the LA accommodate?
 - how many foster beds are theoretically available?
 - how many places in supported accommodation are theoretically available?
 - b. What percentage of each are currently being used?
We don't specifically have placements for UASC given the small numbers, however, when we needed to find a placement we would seek to find one that meet their individual needs.
5. What is the Local Authority's overall spend budgeted for looking after UASC (including Care leavers) in 2015/16. How much is expected to be reimbursed by Home Office?
Yes the amount has reduced, £270,465 was received in 2010/11 based on last year's grant we would expected to receive in the region of £50,000. Due to monthly claims submitted to the home office it is difficult to project the exact amount of income that will be received at this stage of the financial year.

6. Has the amount provided by the Home Office to the LA for UASC support dropped between 2010 and 2015? If so please state how much was provided in 2010 and how much will be provided this year.

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7. How many UASCs have gone missing from the system in 2015 –
- permanently
 - temporarily, and what were their nationalities?

None

If this information is held by an outside contractor then it is your responsibility under the FOIA to obtain that information. If it is held by another public body then please can you inform me of this and, if possible, transfer the request to that public body.