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Dear [REDACTED]

Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA)

Thank you for requesting information about Unaccompanied Asylum Seekers. Your request has been considered under the above legislation.

You have requested the following information:

In each of the last two financial years:

How many asylum-seeking children under the age of 16 are being supported/accommodated by your Local Authority?

2013 - 2014 - 4

2014 - 2015 - 2

How many asylum-seeking children between the ages of 16 and 18 are being supported/accommodated by your Local Authority?

2013 - 20/14 - 9

2014 - 2015 - 7

How many asylum-seeking 18 – 25 year olds are being supported/ accommodated by your Local Authority? How many are female aged 18 – 25 year old. What are the predominant nationalities of the 18 - 25 year olds at above? If possible please provide us with the top five nationalities.

Information you have requested regarding the details of each case has been withheld from disclosure. The exemption engaged is Section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 ("The Act").

Section 12 of the Act exempts Public Authorities from providing information where the estimated cost of compliance with the request exceeds the appropriate limit. Any estimate must be made in accordance with the limits set in fees regulations made under Section 12 (5) of the Act.

These Fees Regulations (SI 2004/3244 Freedom of Information and Data Protection (Appropriate Limit and Fees) Regulations) allow for a refusal where the cost of compliance, for local authorities such as the Council, would exceed £450.

As a guide, staff time to identify and extract this information is charged at a rate of £25 per hour.

In summary it has been established that this information is not held in a reportable format. In order to determine what level of information we hold in relation to the details of each case, a manual trawl would be required through each individual case file to extract the relevant information. This would take over a week to undertake as there are between 10 – 15 individual files per young person.

Since a substantial amount of work will be involved in processing your request as it is currently phrased, I am afraid a fee is payable before we can provide you with the information. The fee in this case is £1,500 - please see the schedule below explaining how this was calculated. If the actual cost turns out to be less than the estimate, the balance will be returned to you.

DISBURSEMENTS	CHARGE MADE
COST OF COMPLYING WITH THE REQUEST	£1,500
PHOTOCOPYING	
POSTAGE AND OTHER FORMS OF TRANSMISSION	
VAT (IF APPLICABLE)	
TOTAL	£1,500

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To do this, go to [Pay Online](#) and select - **Freedom of Information request**. **Please insert your request reference number (20122994)** in the 'Account' box.

While the legislation allows the Council 20 working days to respond to your request from the date of its receipt, this time limit is suspended until we receive payment.

As soon as we receive your payment we will begin work on your request (please be aware that payments take at least three working days from receipt to clear).

If we do not receive your payment by 15 August 2015, we will consider your request closed and no further action will be taken by the Council.

How many (of the combined total of (1) - (3) above) are female?

2013 – 2014 – 1

2014 – 2015 – 0

Please note that the figures above are for asylum seeking children under the age of 16 and aged 16 - 18. The information for children aged 18 or over would require a manual trawl through individual case files as detailed in Question 3.

What are the predominant nationalities of the children identified at (1) and (2) above? For example, please provide us with the top five nationalities.

2013 - 21014

Eritrea – 5

Afghanistan – 3

Vietnam 2

Syria – 1

Albanian – 1

Iran - 1

2014 - 2015

Eritrea - 5

Afghanistan – 2

Vietnam – 1

Syria – 1

In relation to (1) – (3) above, how many of the asylum-seeking children and young people were taken into the care of the local authority owing to child protection concerns?

0.

In relation to (1) – (3) above, please provide a breakdown of the reasons children and young people were taken into the care of the Local Authority. For example this may be due to bereavement, imprisonment, health of the primary care giver and/or following abandonment.

The child/young person's best interests.

In relation to (1) – (3) above, how many children and young people were subject to public family law proceedings?

0.

In respect of (7) above, how many interim care orders were granted by the Court in favour of the Local Authority? How many full care orders were granted in favour of the Local Authority?

0.

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Yours sincerely

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