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Dear Sir/Madam

Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) Request ID: FOI482477378

Thank you for your request for information relating to Unaccompanied asylum-seeking Looked After Children.

You have requested the following information:

- 1. For each of the last four financial years and the current year to date, how many Looked After Children (LAC) were unaccompanied asylum-seeking children? Please break down the number by year. For clarity, please provide the total number of such children placed into care (LAC) during that year.
- 2. For each of the last four financial years and the current year to date, on how many occasions did Looked After Children who were unaccompanied asylum-seeking children go missing?
- 3. How many of these unaccompanied asylum-seeking LAC went missing and did not return? Please break down by year.
- 4a. How many LAC (in total, including unaccompanied asylum-seeking LAC) were abducted while in the care of the authority over this entire period?
- b. How many of these were known to be unaccompanied asylum-seeking LAC?
- c. If known, please provide the name of the provider where most children have gone missing but not returned?

Clarification for 4c: It's meant in connection with abduction but local authorities have also provided it in relation to missing in some cases

d. Where detailed, please provide descriptions of any abductions (e.g. child abducted by car outside a children's home) and the age of the child.

Please see the attached document. Regarding Question 4, we do not have reportable statistics on children (LAC or the UASC subset) that were abducted. We are therefore advising you as per Section 1(1) that this information is not held.

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Yours faithfully

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