FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST – 332/18

Dear Sir/Madam

Your request for information has now been considered and the information requested is provided below.

Request/Response:

REQUEST UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000:
Children transferred to the UK under the Dublin III Regulation[1]

Please provide a copy of any internal policies, published or unpublished, prepared by your authority, or any central Government guidance, or other policies relating to:

1. Assessment of need of children transferred to the UK under the Dublin III regulation, including the threshold for triggering an assessment of need?

   Answer: Rutland County Council has no internal policy as we work with East Midlands Council UASC Strategic Migration Partnership, however we are governed by the Home Office paper attached.

2. Provision of support for children transferred to the UK under the Dublin III regulation?

   Answer: We are clear that should a child be referred under Dublin III we would make an assessment of the family prior to placement then work with the family under s17/Children Act 1989 and 2014 as we would any child in our jurisdiction, providing appropriate support as we would to any child in our area.

3. Liaison with the Home Office regarding children who are being assessed for transfer, or have been transferred, to the UK under the Dublin III regulation?

   Answer: See Home Office guidance attached. Our liaison with the Home Office is via the East Midlands Council UASC Strategic Migration Partnership.

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Yours faithfully

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