03 August 2018

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST – 924/18

Dear Sir/Madam

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

Request / Response:

I am writing to you from ITV News in order to request statistics concerning unaccompanied asylum seeking children (UASC) in your care.

In 2017, the Home Office reported: “Of the 1,998 initial decisions relating to UASC made in 2017, 1,154 (58%) were grants of asylum or another form of protection, and an additional 378 (19%) were grants of temporary leave (UASC leave).”


1. Can you please provide the following statistics:

Of the 1,154 USAC that were granted asylum in 2017, how many were put into your care and can now be accounted for?

Please can you break down the numbers as per the below:

a. How many were put in the care of your Council?

   Answer: In accordance with the Freedom of Information Act 2000 this email messages acts as a Refusal Notice.

   We can confirm that we hold the information however we are unable to supply it as we consider this information to be exempt due to the low number of individuals identified.

   The Council is relying on Section 40(2) – personal information in that it believes the exemption applies because the information is personal information and we believe that disclosure would not be fair or lawful because it would breach the first data protection principle as outlined in Schedule 1 of the Data Protection Act 1998. We consider that these individuals would have a reasonable expectation of privacy.
b. **And, how many have absconded from your Council's care?**

   Answer: None have absconded from Rutland County Council’s care.

If you are dissatisfied with the handling of your request please contact the Head of Corporate Governance, Rutland County Council, Catmose, Oakham, Rutland LE15 6HP

You can also complain to the Information Commissioner at:

The Information Commissioner's Office  
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Yours faithfully

FOI Administrator  
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