

FOI 3063

15th May 2025**FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 – INFORMATION REQUEST**

1. How many unaccompanied asylum-seeking children (UASC), aged 17 and under, are or were in the care of your health and social care trust (so are children looked-after (CLA)) for each year from 2015 up to and including 2024?

2015- 0
2016- < 5
2017- < 5
2018- 0
2019- < 5
2020- 6
2021- 14
2022- 30
2023- 38
2024- 48

2. How many former unaccompanied asylum-seeking children (UASC), aged 18 to 21, are or were in receipt of support from your health and social care trust (so are former relevant children (FRC)) for each year from 2015 up to and including 2024?

2015 - 0
2016 - 0
2017 - 0
2018 - 0
2019 - 0
2020 - < 5
2021 - < 5
2022 - < 5
2023 - 8
2024 - 24

The Trust has a legal duty to protect patient confidentiality and, in line with this duty, the figure <5 has been provided where figures are very low. This is because of the potential risk of identification of an individual. In reaching this decision the Trust has taken into account the small geographical area which the Trust serves and the sensitivity of the

information requested. In addition the Trust has taken into account the fact that all information disclosed in response to an FOI is disclosed to the 'world at large' and is published on the Trust website.

S 40 (2) (third party information) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 has been applied to exempt the redacted information from disclosure. The Trust does not consider the disclosure of the redacted information to be fair to the individuals concerned as there is the potential risk of identification of an individual(s) which they would not expect, and which would therefore breach the fairness element of the first principle of the Data Protection Act 2018.

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