

FOI 3810

23rd June 2026

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 – INFORMATION REQUEST

Please provide the information for the period 1 April 2024 to the latest full month for which data is available, broken down by financial year where held.

1. Please provide the total number of unaccompanied asylum-seeking children and/or separated children newly referred to, accepted by, allocated to, or otherwise made the responsibility of the Trust.

Response:

60

2. Of the children in question 1, please provide the number who arrived through the National Transfer Scheme.

Response:

7

3. Of the children in question 1, please provide the number recorded by the Trust as age-disputed at any point.

Response:

6

4. Of the children in question 1, please provide the number recorded by the Trust as potentially trafficked, suspected trafficked, referred to the National Referral Mechanism, or otherwise recorded as having modern slavery, trafficking, exploitation or safeguarding concerns.

Response:

21

5. Of the children in question 1, please provide:

a. the number referred by the Trust to the Independent Guardian Service;

Response:

24

b. the number not referred by the Trust to the Independent Guardian Service, where centrally recorded;

Response:

36

c. the number for whom IGS referral status is not centrally recorded or not known.

Response:

0

6. Of the children in question 1 who were recorded as age-disputed, potentially trafficked, suspected trafficked, referred to the National Referral Mechanism, missing, absent, missing from care, missing from placement, or otherwise recorded as having modern slavery, trafficking, exploitation or safeguarding concerns, please provide:

a. the number referred by the Trust to the Independent Guardian Service;

Response:

24

b. the number not referred by the Trust to the Independent Guardian Service, where centrally recorded;

Response:

36

c. the number for whom IGS referral status is not centrally recorded or not known.

Response:

0

7. For children referred by the Trust to the Independent Guardian Service, please provide any centrally held information showing:

a. average number of calendar days from the Trust becoming responsible for the child to referral to the Independent Guardian Service;

Response:

8

b. median number of calendar days;

Response:

7

c. longest number of calendar days;

Response:

22

d. number of cases where the IGS referral date is not centrally recorded.

Response:

0

8. For age-disputed children, please provide any centrally held information showing:

a. number of age assessments started;

Response:

<5

The Trust has a legal duty to protect patient confidentiality, 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. 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.

b. number of age assessments completed;

Response:

<5

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c. number of age assessments still outstanding at the end of the reporting period;

Response:

<5

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d. average number of calendar days from the Trust first recording the age dispute to the final age-assessment decision;

Response:

430

e. median number of calendar days;

Response:

558

f. longest number of calendar days.

Response:

856

9. For completed age assessments, please provide the number resulting in:

a. the young person being assessed or accepted as under 18;

Response:

<5

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b. the young person being assessed as 18 or over;

Response:

<5

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c. the age dispute being withdrawn or otherwise resolved without a full age assessment.

Response:

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