

FOI 1714

23rd June 2023

## **FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 – INFORMATION REQUEST**

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1/ How many unaccompanied asylum-seeking children (UASC) were there in your Trust area in:

a/1 Jan 2023 to date (6/6/23)?

**26 UASC in Trust Area**

b/2022?

**29 UASC in Trust Area**

c/2021?

**12 UASC in Trust Area**

d/2020?

**5 UASC in Trust Area**

2/ How many UASC in your Trust area were accommodated in hotels/Air B&Bs/unregulated accommodation in:

a/1 Jan 2023 to date (6/6/23)?

**Hotels/Air B&B 0**

**Unregulated <5 (Supported living)**

b/2022?

**Hotels/Air B&B 0**

**Unregulated <5 (Supported living)**

c/2021?

**Hotels/ Air B&B 0**

**Unregulated 0**

d/2020?

**Hotels/Air B&B 0**

**Unregulated 0**

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.

3/ How many hotels/ Air B&Bs/unregulated accommodation in your Trust area are used to accommodate UASC?

**0 Hotels/Air B&B**  
**Unregulated accommodation – <5 (Supported living)**

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4/ What was the cost of accommodating UASC in your Trust area in:

a/1 Jan 2023 to date (6/6/23) **£90,961**

b/2022? **£145,402**

c/2021? **£60,682**

d/2020? **£38,488**

5/ What was the average length of stay of UASC in your Trust area in:

a/1 Jan 2023 to date (6/6/23)? **15 months**

b/2022? **19 months**

c/2021? **18 months**

d/2020? **1 year**

6/ What has been the longest length of stay of UASC in your Trust area?  
**4 years**



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7/How many members of staff accompanied each UASC in each of the years 2023 to date 2022, 2021, 2020 & please give details of rank/profession (ie social worker etc)?

**For those aged 14 & 15 Years, they had a Social Worker B6**

**For those aged 16 & 17 years, they have had a Social Worker B6, Personal Advisor B4 and Community Living Support Worker B4**

8/ What was the age range of unaccompanied asylum-seeking children in your Trust area in the years 2022, 2021, 2020 – please give youngest to oldest.

**2020 – 14 to 17 years**

**2021 – 15 to 17 years**

**2022 – 16 to 17 years**

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