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Dear Sir/Madam.

**Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA)
Request ID: REQ06670**

Thank you for your request for information relating to missing children under local authority care 2018 and 2019.

You have requested the following information:

Please release the following information relating to looked after children in the care of your authority. Please provide the figures per year for the following calendar years: 2018 and 2019.

Number of children

1.The total number of looked after children in the care of your authority.

2018 – 945.

2019 – 963.

2.The total number of looked after children in the care of your authority that have been identified as having been trafficked or a victim of modern slavery.

2018 – 14.

2019 – 16.

3.The total number of looked after children in the care of your authority that have been identified as an unaccompanied asylum seeking child (UASC).

2018 – 30.
2019 – 18.

Missing or absent children

4.The total number of looked after children in the care of your authority that have gone missing or absent.

2018 – 135.
2019 – 119.

5.The total number of looked after children in the care of your authority who have been identified or suspected as having been trafficked/a victim of modern slavery and have gone missing or absent.

2018 - 8 of which 3 long term missing.
2019 - 9 have had missing episodes of which 1 long term missing.

6.The total number of looked after children in the care of your authority identified as an UASC that have gone missing or absent.

2018 – 6.
2019 – 3.

Duration of absence

7.Only if it is possible under the restraints of FOI, please provide the length of time the child was missing during each incident and outline instances where individuals are still missing.

Calendar year	2018	2019
	For all episodes missing	
Length of time missing for all missing		
Found within 48 hours	875	823
Found 48hours or over	8	4
Still missing	0	1
TOTAL	883	828

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Yours sincerely

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