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Dear Sir/Madam

**Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA)**

**Request ID: FOI360648734**

Thank you for your request for information relating to migrant unaccompanied minors.

You have requested the following information:

**1. The total number of migrant unaccompanied minors\* cared for by the local authority in each of the past ten years. This can be disclosed as either financial or calendar years, depending on how you record this data, and please provide 2021 figures up to today's date, 3/9/2021.**

**\*By migrant unaccompanied minors I mean children under 18 seeking asylum who have no responsible adult with them to care for them so are in need of local authority care.**

**2. The number of migrant unaccompanied minors cared for by the local authority who were reported missing in each of the years.**

**If you record the number of relevant missing episodes rather than the number of individual minors reported missing, I am happy for you to provide this.**

**3. If held, the number of these children who were flagged as being reported missing repeatedly in each of these years and a figure for the number of missing episodes recorded for the child who went missing the most times in each year.**

**4. If held, the age range of the migrant unaccompanied minors reported missing in each of the years. For instance, if 10 of the children were reported missing and their ages were 10, 10, 11, 15, 9, 9, 12, 17, 17 and 16 then you would just disclose the age range as 9-17.**

**5. If held, the number of these children who were labelled as at risk of child sexual exploitation and/or human trafficking when they were reported missing while in the local authority's care in each of the years.**

**6. If held, the number of these missing episodes in each year deemed high risk and the number deemed medium risk.**

**7. The total number of migrant unaccompanied minors transferred to the local authority under the National Transfer Scheme in each year since 2016.**

**As above, this can be disclosed as either financial or calendar years, depending on how you record this data, and please provide 2021 figures up to today's date, 3/9/2021.**

Please see the attached spreadsheet.

With regards to Questions 3, 5 and 6, we hold the information which you have asked for but we have estimated that the cost of meeting your request would exceed the cost limit of £450 specified in the Freedom of Information and Data Protection (Appropriate Limit and Fees Regulations 2004). This represents the estimated cost of one person spending 18 hours or more, in determining whether the information is held, locating, retrieving and extracting it.

We have estimated it will exceed 18 hours work because the data is not collated in a reportable format. To collate the information, we would need to manually review all of the child care records for those children identified as missing in those periods to identify whether they were repeatedly missing, or considered high or medium risk. This part of your request has therefore been refused under section 12(2) of the Act.

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If you are unhappy with the handling of your request, you can ask us to review our response. Requests for reviews should be submitted within 40 days of the date of receipt of our response to your original request – email: [infogov@coventry.gov.uk](mailto:infogov@coventry.gov.uk)

If you are unhappy with the outcome of our review, you can write to the Information Commissioner, who can be contacted at: Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF or email [icocasework@ico.org.uk](mailto:icocasework@ico.org.uk).

Please remember to quote the reference number above in your response.

Yours faithfully

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FOI Request - FOI360648734, Migrant unaccompanied minors

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2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20
5	5	10	15	15	40	44	37	22

2. The number of migrant unaccompanied minors cared for by the local authority who were reported missing in each of the years. If you record the number of relevant missing episodes rather than the number of individual minors reported missing, I am happy for you to provide this.

2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20
			2	2	6	16	9	9

3. If held, the number of these children who were flagged as being reported missing repeatedly in each of these years and a figure for the number of missing episodes recorded for the child who went missing the most times in each year.  
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4. If held, the age range of the migrant unaccompanied minors reported missing in each of the years. For instance, if 10 of the children were reported missing and their ages were 10, 10, 11, 15, 9, 9, 12, 17, 17 and 16 then you would just disclose the age range as 9-17.

	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20
Age Range				15-16	14-16	14-15	14-17	14-17	16-17

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2016	2017	2018	2020	2021
0	9	3	2	1

\*Data is reported quarterly so only have up to 30/06/2021.