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Dear Sir/Madam

Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA)

Request ID: FOI457809496

Thank you for your request for information relating to UASC Local Authorities. Please see the attached response and attachments.

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Yours faithfully

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FOI457809496- UASC Local Authorities

1. How many Unaccompanied Asylum-Seeking Children and Young People (UASC) are in your Local Authority's care as of 10th October 2022?

There were 54 UASC children / young people in Coventry City Council care on the 10 October 2022.

a. On the above numbers, how many are aged under 12, 13-15 and 16-17?

Age range	Count
12 and under	0
13-15*	x
16-17	50 (rounded to nearest 10)
Total	54

Note a. Values of 5 or less are not stated to protect personal confidentiality.

*We have suppressed the numbers below 5 to avoid identification of the child. This has been done as the Council considers that this information meets the definition for personal data set out in Section 3(2) and 3(3) of the Data Protection Act 2018 ("DPA") as:

(2) "personal data means any information relating to an identified or identifiable living individual (subject to subsection (14)(c))"

(3) "Identifiable living individual" means a living individual who can be identified, directly or indirectly, in particular by reference to –

(a) an identifier such as a name, an identification number, location data or an online identifier, or
(b) one or more factors specific to the physical, physiological, genetic, mental, economic, cultural or social identity of the individual."

The Council thus considers that the requested information is caught by the exemption to disclosure contained in Section 40 (2) of the FOI Act and the related first condition of Section 40 (3).

2. How many UASC were in your Local Authority care on the financial years ending:

- a. 31 March 2021
- b. 31 March 2020
- c. 31 March 2019

UASC children / young people in Coventry City Council care at Financial Year End	
Date	Count
31-Mar-2019	37
31-Mar-2020	22
31-Mar-2021	18

3. Do you have a team/s that solely manage UASC cases?

Yes.

a. If yes, could you outline the Team Structure and where it sits within the organisation? For example, 1 Team comprises 1 Team Manager, 2 Senior Social Workers and 2 Social Workers.

The team sits within the structure of the Through Care service and consists of a UASC team leader who reports to a team manager within the Through Care service, 2 UASC social workers, 1 UASC Personal Adviser/liaison officer.

b. If no, is there a reason as to why? N/A

4. Please supply the Job Descriptions of the workers who manage UASC cases? E.g. Social Worker, Senior Social Worker, Assistant Team Manager and Team Manager.

Please see attached.

5. How many age assessments have the Local Authority conducted on the financial years ending:

- a. 31 March 2021**
- b. 31 March 2020**
- c. 31 March 2019**

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.

This information is not held in a reportable format. To collate this information, we would need to manually trawl through every child's records. Due to the number of records held for these years, this will exceed 18 hours work. This part of your request has therefore been refused under section 12(2) of the Act.

6. Does the Local Authority's Social Workers complete the age assessments? If not, who does?

Yes

7. How many of the above age assessments resulted in the person to be:

- a. Under 18**
 - i. 31 March 2021**
 - ii. 31 March 2020**
 - iii. 31 March 2019**

- b. 18 or over**
 - i. 31 March 2021**
 - ii. 31 March 2020**
 - iii. 31 March 2019**

Please refer to response provided for Question 6.

8. Were any of the above age assessment challenged by a way of Judicial Proceedings?

a. If so, how many are active?

Yes, 2.

b. How many have concluded?

Yes, 2.

i. Out of the above number, how many resulted in the Local Authority's favour?

2.

9. Please provide a copy of all templates used for completing an age assessment. For example, some local authorities complete shorten version of an age assessment, brief enquiries, or welfare visits.

Please see attached Guidance.

10. Do you have a policy or practice guidance for staff on the age assessment process?

a. If yes, please provide a copy.

We can confirm that we hold this information and it is accessible to you via the Council website, please use the following link:-

https://coventrychildcare.proceduresonline.com/p_uasc.html

We therefore do not have to provide the information as per Section 21 of the FOIA.

11. What is the process when the Local Authority received a referral of an UASC in your area?

The UASC is referred to MASH for consideration of safeguarding and support need.

a. If you have guidance/policy, please provide a copy.

b. Is the arrangement different on Out of Hours?

There is no difference however, the referral will go to the Out of Hours team.

12. Do you use social media checks at any point during the age assessment process?

a. If so, do you have a policy/guidance, please supply a copy.

Not applicable.

13. Could you provide a breakdown on the current UASC in your care on their placement type? For example, 23 in foster care, 21 in semi-independent 24/7 support, 33 in semi-independent non24/7 support,

UASC children / young people are looked after in the following placement types:	
Placement Type	Count
Fostering	12
Supported accommodation	42
Total	54

14. Please provide copies of any policies, guidelines, or practice resources that are aimed at UASC?

See response to Question 10 for the weblink.