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Dear Sir/Madam

Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA)
Request ID: FOI530569037

Thank you for your request for information relating to Unaccompanied Asylum-Seeking Children.

You have requested the following information:

1. The number of unaccompanied asylum-seeking children located, either temporarily or permanently, in your area since 2018, expressed as:

a. A total figure for the period 1/4/2017 to 31/3/2023
219.

b. An annual figure, i.e., figures for 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022 and 2023 (up to and including 30/6/23)
The total number of unaccompanied asylum-seeking children (UASC) for each year was as follows. Information is presented by statutory year rather than calendar year in line with statutory return requirements.

Statutory Year (As at 31st March)	Number of UASC children	
2018/19	37	
2019/20	22	
2020/21	18	
2021/22	40	
2022/23	71	
As at 30th June 2023	66	

2. The number of unaccompanied asylum-seeking children moved to your area as part of the National Transfer Scheme, expressed as:

a. A total figure for the period 1/1/2018 to 30/6/2023
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 estimate that because the information is not held in a reportable format. An officer would need to conduct a manual trawl through all UASC referrals from 2018 to date and due to the number of records to review, this would exceed 18 hours. This part of your request has been refused under section 12(2) of the Act.

However, in order to fulfil our obligations under Section 16 of the FOI Act to advise and assist you, we advise that you can make a request to the National Transfer scheme who hold all of these details for all local authorities. Please email: uascnationaltransferteam@homeoffice.gov.uk

b. An annual figure, i.e. figures for 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022 and 2023 (up to and including 30/6/23)
See our response to Question 2a above.

3. The number of unaccompanied asylum-seeking children moved from your area as part of the National Transfer Scheme, expressed as:

a. A total figure for the period 1/1/2018 to 30/6/2023
Not applicable.

b. An annual figure, i.e. figures for 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022 and 2023 (up to and including 30/6/23)
Not applicable.

For information, we publish a variety of information such as: FOI/EIR Disclosure Log, Publication Scheme, Facts about Coventry and Open Data that you may find of useful if you are looking for information in the future.

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

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.

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

Yours faithfully

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