

European national children and young people in care

I apply under the terms of the Freedom of Information Act for the following information about children and young people from European countries cared for or supported by your Local Authority. To be specific, I am seeking information relating to children and young people who are:

* Up to the age of 25;

* Who are from countries in the EU or the EEA, who are in the care of, or supported by, the Local Authority

* To avoid confusion, the EU/EEA states are: Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Croatia, Republic of Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, the Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, and Sweden.

* This would include children and young people who have been taken into care because of child protection concerns and/or where private/public family law proceedings are underway. They may have been placed in foster care or other forms of accommodation, or they may be detained but are still being financed by your own Local Authority. They may or may not have an allocated Social Worker.

Request - In 2016:

1. How many European national children under the age of 16 were being supported / accommodated by your Local Authority?
2. How many European national children between the ages of 16 to 18 were being supported / accommodated by your Local Authority?
3. How many European national 18 - 25 year olds were being supported / accommodated by your Local Authority?

If possible, please also provide the following information:

4. What are the predominant nationalities of the children identified at (1) & (2) above? For example please provide us with the top five nationalities
5. What are the predominant nationalities of the 18-25 year identified at (3) above? For example please provide us with the top five nationalities

Unfortunately we can't provide this as it is not routinely recorded. Whilst our software does capture the Nationality of a 'child' being supported, it is only routinely recorded for unaccompanied asylum seeking children. This is not something that we can manually capture within the time limits, and so would be exempt under sec12 of the Freedom Of Information Act.(Section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act allows public authorities to refuse to answer requests for information if the cost of complying would exceed the 'appropriate limit' prescribed in the Fees Regulations (SI 2004/3244).

I am sorry we are unable to help at this time, should you however require any further assistance, please contact me directly on the details below.

In addition to the this and for future reference Nottingham County Council regularly publishes previous FOIR,s and answers on its website, under Disclosure logs. (see link)
<http://site.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/thecouncil/democracy/freedom-of-information/disclosure-log/>

You can use the search facility using keywords.

If you are unhappy with the service you have received in relation to your request and wish to make a complaint or request a review of our decision, you should write to the Team Manager, Complaints and Information Team, County Hall, West Bridgford, Nottingham, NG2 7QP or email complaints@nottsc.gov.uk .

If you are not content with the outcome of your complaint or review, you may apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. Generally, the information Commissioner cannot make a decision unless you have exhausted the complaints procedure provided by the Council. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at:

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