

FOI request for UN study regarding Afghan refugee youth NCC-027999-17

Dear Sir or Madam,

I am writing to request information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

The requests come on behalf of the **United Nations World Institute of Development Economics Research**, and will help inform a new study they have commissioned examining the impact of attainment in education on the socio-economic integration of Afghan refugee and asylum seeking youth in the UK. The study will draw on the experience and expertise of Local Authorities (and Virtual Schools more specifically), and will aim to provide recommendations to help improve outcomes for Afghan refugee and asylum seeking youth in the UK.

We understand that FOI requests may often come at inconvenient times, and amidst an already busy work schedule. We are immensely appreciative of the staff time used to supply the information, and have attempted to word our requests in ways that are clear to understand, and have tried to indicate the department to which we believe they should be directed (this is to the best of our understanding, based on the structure of Local Authorities we are familiar with - if another team or department within your Local Authority is more appropriate please of course allocate the questions to them). The questions are also attached as a word document for ease of dispersal.

Question 1: For the Looked after Children team

1. How many of the Unaccompanied Asylum Seeking Children (UASC) in the care of your Local Authority identify as Afghan?

Questions 2 - 3: For the Leaving Care team

2. How many of the care leavers up to the age of 24 in the care of your Local Authority identify as Afghan?

3. How many of the care leavers up to the age of 24 who identify as Afghan in the care of your Local Authority have either Refugee Status, Indefinite Leave to Remain or Humanitarian Protection?

Questions 4 - 6: For the Virtual School

4. a) How many of the UASC who identify as Afghan in the care of your Local Authority were out of education at the date of their last review?

b) How many of the care leavers up to the age of 21 who identify as Afghan in the care of Your Local Authority were out of education at the date of their last review?

5. a) How many of the UASC who identify as Afghan in the care of your Local Authority had achieved qualifications at i) entry level, ii) Level 1 or 2, iii) Level 3 at the date of their last review?

b) How many of the care leavers up to the age of 24 who identify as Afghan in the care of your Local Authority had achieved qualifications at i) entry level, ii) Level 1 or 2, iii) Level 3, iv) Levels 4-6 at the date of their last review?

6. a) How many of the care leavers up to the age of 24 in the care of your Local Authority have entered university in the last three years?

b) How many of the care leavers up to the age of 24 who identify as Afghan in the care of your Local Authority have entered university in the last three years?

Dear Sirs,

Further to your FOIR, please find below the answers where possible to your request.

Question 1: For the Looked after Children team

1. How many of the Unaccompanied Asylum Seeking Children (UASC) in the care of your Local Authority identify as Afghan? **49**

Questions 2 - 3: For the Leaving Care team

2. How many of the care leavers up to the age of 24 in the care of your Local Authority Identify as Afghan? **10**

3. How many of the care leavers up to the age of 24 who identify as Afghan in the care of your Local Authority have either Refugee Status, Indefinite Leave to Remain or Humanitarian Protection? **4**

All answers only refer to the 15 UASC that are still looked after as these are the only we have information on.

Questions 4 - 6: For the Virtual School

4. a) How many of the UASC who identify as Afghan in the care of your Local Authority were out of education at the date of their last review? – **None (0/15)**

b) How many of the care leavers up to the age of 21 who identify as Afghan in the care of Your Local Authority were out of education at the date of their last review? – **No information held by the VS as they are no longer in care**

5. a) How many of the UASC who identify as Afghan in the care of your Local Authority had achieved qualifications at i) entry level, ii) Level 1 or 2, iii) Level 3 at the date of their last review? **i)5 ii)4**

NB – The other 6 are still attending mainstream education and completing qualifications

b) How many of the care leavers up to the age of 24 who identify as Afghan in the care of your Local Authority had achieved qualifications at i) entry level, ii) Level 1 or 2, iii) Level 3, iv) Levels 4-6 at the date of their last review? – **No information held by the VS as they are no longer in care**

6. a) How many of the care leavers up to the age of 24 in the care of your Local Authority have entered university in the last three years? – **No information held by the VS as they are no longer in care**

b) How many of the care leavers up to the age of 24 who identify as Afghan in the care of Your Local Authority have entered university in the last three years? – **No information held by the VS as they are no longer in care**

I hope this satisfies your request, and should you have any further enquiry please do not hesitate to contact me directly on the details below.

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Kindest Regards