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Request for Information: Ref NCC-031576-18

Looked after children, who are in the care of the Local Authority

Thank you for your request for information relating to looked after children, who are in the care of the Local Authority. I can now let you have the following information in response to the questions you raised.

1. How many Looked after Children, who are in the care of the local authority, are: (a) EU (non-UK) citizens

This is an estimate as we do not currently report on nationality of children coming in to care and the data quality is poor and many (we estimate more than half) will not be recorded. Therefore if we were to extract the data specifically for this FOI, it would be incomplete. As there are currently 825 (as at 12/6/18) currently in care, filling the gaps would involve manually looking at hundreds of records which would take us over the time threshold for responding.

(b) have an Undocumented or Unknown immigration status (including children whose nationality is unknown).

There are currently 30 unaccompanied asylum seeking children who are looked after by Nottinghamshire County Council. We have no record of whether other children are of unknown immigration status.

2. What plans and provisions does the Local Authority have in place - or is considering - to deal with any Children In Care who will need to obtain Settled Status, as a result of Brexit , if they wish to remain in the UK? Please provide details of any plans, analysis or forecasts, including any estimates of the financial cost to the Local Authority, or any reports which have been written about this issue.

No plans are currently in place

We hope this now satisfies your request, and should you have any further enquiries please do not hesitate to contact me directly using the contact details below. In addition and for future reference Nottinghamshire County Council regularly publish previous Freedom of Information Requests and answers on our website, under Disclosure logs, available at the following link:

http://site.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/thecouncil/democracy/freedom-of-information/disclosure-log/

Complaints & Information Team, Nottinghamshire County Council, County Hall, Loughborough Rd, West Bridgford, Nottingham, NG2 7QP

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Yours sincerely

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