From: <u>FOI</u>

To:

Subject: Freedom of Information Request NCC-049350-20

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Dear

Thank you for your request for information. You provided the following context to your request

"Following the UK's departure from the EU, all EU, European Economic Area (EEA) and Swiss citizens who want to live in the UK need to apply for a new immigration status. The EU Settlement Scheme (EUSS) has been set up to grant this status. Everyone, including children, must make an individual application. Local authorities need to identify all children and young people who are in their care, on the edge of care or have left care, who need to make an application under the EU Settlement Scheme. This includes EU, European Economic Area (EEA) and Swiss national children, or children who may be able to apply for the Settlement Scheme through a family member."

Please find below our answers to your specific questions:

- Do you routinely record nationality data for every looked after child and/or care leaver in your local authority area? Yes/ No?
- 2. Can you provide a nationality breakdown overview for all looked after children and care leavers in your local authority area as of 01st March 2021?
- 3. How many looked after children or care leavers in your authority area are EU, European Economic Area (EEA), or Swiss national children as of 01st March 2021?

We are unable to say as this isn't how our case management system identifies/ records ethnicity and we don't routinely record nationality of looked after children or care leavers . To identify these would require a manual check of all looked after children and care leavers records to identify any. To carry this out would exceed the cost limit for provision of information under the FOI Act and so is exempt under Section 12 of the Act

EU Settlement Scheme:

4. How many looked after children or care leavers in your authority area have been supported to undertake an EU Settlement Scheme application between 01st October 2020-01st March 2021?

(This relates to EU, European Economic Area (EEA), Swiss national children, or children who may be able to apply for the Settlement Scheme through a family member).

5. How many looked after children or care leavers in your authority area have received a status (including where possible a breakdown of how many have received 'settled' and how many have received 'pre-settled' status) under the EU Settlement Scheme between 01st October 2020- 01st March 2021?

(This relates to EU, European Economic Area (EEA), Swiss national children, or children who may be able to apply for the Settlement Scheme through a family member).

10 have received settled status; 3 are still awaiting a decision and 12 to still make applications, 25 have been supported in total

The reason why we would still have applications to make is that we have to first obtain the child's passport from original country i.e. visiting the embassy.

I hope that you find this information to be helpful, however if you are unhappy with the way in which your request has been handled, then please email us at foi@nottscc.gov.uk quoting the reference NCC-049350-20 and we will be happy to review your request

With kind regards

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