

NCC-036015-18 - Trafficking of children and their subsequent care

Dear Requester,

Further to your request for information under the freedom of information Act,

Please find the answers below:

1. How many potentially trafficked children you have identified in the last 12 months?
 - There has been 9 spontaneous arrivals of unaccompanied asylum seeking children (UASC) between 01.01.2018 - 31.12.2018. Of these, all were considered by our Multi-Agency Safeguarding Hub (MASH) in respect of possible trafficking, of which 2 cases led to a Strategy Meeting and NRM Referral in respect of trafficking concerns.
 - One child identified as an EEA national was identified as possible trafficking and led to a Strategy Discussion where the police did not identify trafficking as an issue of concern.
2. How many of these children have been non-UK Nationals?
 - All three children were non-UK nationals
3. Of the children identified what type of care placements have been sought? (foster care, secure, supported accommodation, children's home, living independently)
 - Of the three identified, a family member was identified in respect of one of the UASC as well as the EEA national.
 - The other identified UASC was placed in foster care.
4. How many children in this cohort have subsequently a) remained in their original placement b) moved to a different placement c) gone missing short-term (72 hours or less) or d) gone missing long-term (over 72 hours)?
 - All three remain in the accommodation identified for them. The UASC placed in foster care did go missing short term (under 24 hours) before they were located, and returned to the foster carers. The UASC remained there until their 18th birthday and has now moved to semi-independent accommodation with their partner.

We trust this now resolves your enquiry, however should you have any further queries please do not hesitate to contact me directly on the details below.

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

You can use the search facility using keywords.

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Kind Regards

Dear Nottinghamshire County Council,

Please find below an FOI request relating to the trafficking of children and their subsequent care.

Unseen piloted safe accommodation for potentially trafficked foreign migrant children. The service was developed with local authority, police and governmental partners and was Ofsted registered. Through running this service we became aware of some systemic barriers that fundamentally prevent children from accessing the care and protection they need.

We would like to know, for each local authority in the UK:

1. How many potentially trafficked children you have identified in the last 12 months?
2. How many of these children have been non-UK Nationals?
3. Of the children identified what type of care placements have been sought? (foster care, secure, supported accommodation, children's home, living independently)
4. How many children in this cohort have subsequently a) remained in their original placement b) moved to a different placement c) gone missing short-term (72 hours or less) or d) gone missing long-term (over 72 hours)?

This information is being requested from each Local Authority area in the UK.

Yours faithfully,