

Dear

I am writing to you in reply to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request to Nottinghamshire County Council. I have the following information.

1. How many human rights assessments you have carried out to assess statutory support exclusions for EEA Nationals (non-British) in the period January 2015-present day in your authority area?

This data is not collected by Nottinghamshire County Council (NCC). However, Human Rights Assessments are completed for all No Recourse to Public Funds (NRPF) referrals/support cases including those identified as NRPF and wishing to exercise their European Community Treaty Rights and who self-recognise as an EEA national.

2. How many people were deemed to be eligible for local authority assistance after a completed Human Rights Assessment had been undertaken in the period January 2015- present day?

There have been 88 children supported by Nottinghamshire Children's Social Care since Jan 2015 until present day, where it has been recognised that their parents/family have NRPF status and require support following a Human Rights Assessment identifying them being destitute without this support being in place, and breaching their Human Rights and/or European Community Treaty Rights.

3. If a person requesting assistance is in an excluded group (i.e. EEA National), social services will undertake a human rights assessment and will firstly consider whether the person or family can freely return to their country of origin. Information on your policy of reconnecting EU Migrants - if so what is your policy and what is your process for reconnecting someone?

As part of our NRPF Policy, it identifies that we can offer financial support to assist a family to return to their country of origin (flights/travel/travel documents etc.) if this is required and part of a plan for the family to reconnect to an area where there is appropriate support, family and/or social networks. This would be explored as part of the Human Rights Assessment as well as the completed Child and Family Assessment under the Children Act 1989.

4. Information on the number of people who have been supported through a reconnection service to another part of the UK or to return to country of origin as well as information on the age, gender, nationality and marital status of those who have accessed a reconnection service. Are children included in the reconnection process?

This level of detail is not kept by NCC as support for reconnection by the family would be part of a case-by-case basis. However, this option would be explored for all families who present as being NRPF and who wish to return to their country of origin or another suitable / appropriate country.

5. Information on what destinations within the EU you have reconnected people to, and the numbers to each destination January 2015- present day.

This level of detail is not kept by NCC.

6. Information on the source of funding for reconnecting/ supporting people to another part of the UK/ return to their country of origin including whether central government money is used to pay for reconnection or it comes from local authority sources and an indicative (or if easier average) cost of each reconnection.

Funding for reconnection of a family would be via s17 Children Act 1989 funding in EEA national cases, unless there is specific funding identified. If the family returning were non-EEA nationals then exploration of the Assisted Voluntary Return (AVR) Scheme is undertaken. This level of financial detail is not kept by NCC in this context as it would be a case-by-case basis.

If you have any queries or concerns then please contact me. Please remember to quote the reference number above in any future communications.

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 e-mail foi@nottscc.gov.uk.