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**Nottinghamshire
County Council**

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**Request for Information: Ref NCC-033719-18
Unaccompanied asylum-seeking children**

Thank you for your request for information relating to unaccompanied asylum-seeking children. I can now let you have the following information in response to the questions you raised.

1) Did your council sign up to the scheme? Initially Nottinghamshire County Council agreed to be part of the scheme, but at this present time are no longer part of this arrangement. Although, Nottinghamshire County Council are not currently participating in this arrangement, we are part of the East Midlands Strategic Partnership around UASC (including the National Transfer Scheme (NTS) and s67 Dubs amendment).

2) The number of places originally offered by your council for unaccompanied asylum-seeking children under Section 67 of the Immigration Act 2016 (the 'Dubs' amendment) (I appreciate capacity may have fluctuated, but please tell me what figure your authority informed the Home Office it could take immediately after the introduction of the Dubs Amendment in 2016) Nottinghamshire County Council identified participation of at least one young person under s67 Dubs amendment per cohort arriving in the East Midlands. However, as identified this on occasions could fluctuate depending on demand and needs.

3) The total number of unaccompanied asylum-seeking children who have been taken in by your local authority under Section 67 of the Immigration Act 2016 up to 21st September 2018. Nottinghamshire County Council accepted 5 UASC under s67 Dubs amendment in total. However, one UASC did not arrive in the UK due to other circumstances and one UASC identified that they had close links to another UASC who had been placed in a London Borough and so it was identified that it was not in the young persons' best interest to be separated and they remained together outside of Nottinghamshire. Therefore, 3 UASC were successfully accepted and transitioned to Nottinghamshire and Looked After Children under s67 Dubs amendment. The numbers were dependent on what was offered at the time through the East Midlands Strategic Partnership alongside other regional partners.

4) The total number of places currently available (as of 21st September 2018) to take children under this particular amendment. Nottinghamshire County Council are currently not participating within the scheme

5) Any indication you can give me as to whether your council would be willing to take more children under this specific amendment, if there were sufficient funding available to not impact upon already pressured budgets. Nottinghamshire County Council are currently not participating within the scheme.

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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/>

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Yours sincerely

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