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**Request for Information: Ref NCC-036188-18  
Children who were unaccompanied asylum-seeking children**

Thank you for your request for information. I can now let you have the following information in response to the questions you raised.

**1. The number of children deemed to be below the age of 18 who were unaccompanied asylum seeking children, i.e. were in this country alone and not accompanied by close family – and who i. had a death recorded as "self-inflicted", "suicide", "misadventure suicide", or "open-verdict suicide" – or words to this effect - and ii. had attempted suicide, and for whom. None**

**2) The number of children deemed to be below the age of 18 who were seeking asylum but where they were accompanied by close family – and who i. had a death recorded as "self-inflicted", "suicide", "misadventure suicide", or "open-verdict suicide" – or words to this effect - and ii. had attempted suicide, and for whom. We would not hold this information as we would not be aware of these children if they were accompanied by a close family as they would not be open to Children's Social Care in that context.**

**3) The number of children deemed to be below the age of 18 who were seeking asylum but where it is unclear whether or not they were accompanied by close family – and who i. had a death recorded as "self-inflicted", "suicide", "misadventure suicide", or "open-verdict suicide" – or words to this effect - and ii. had attempted suicide, and for whom. None of our UASC young people would be identified within this category as they were all identified as being unaccompanied. If they were accompanied then Social Care would not have any involvement.**

**4) The number of children deemed to be below the age of 18 who were foreign nationals - but who were not counted in the answers to 1, 2 or 3 above, perhaps because it was not clear they were seeking asylum - this could include refugees, migrants, or words to that effect and other foreign nationals whose immigration status is unclear – and who i. had a death recorded as "self-inflicted", "suicide", "misadventure suicide", or "open-verdict suicide" – or words to this effect - and ii. had attempted suicide, and for who. None of our UASC young people would be identified within this category as they were all identified as seeking asylum. Being of foreign nationality would not mean that they would be open to Social Care (refugee/migrant etc. unless there were significant child protection concerns).**

**5) The number of British national children deemed to be below the age of 18 who were foreign nationals – and who i. had a death recorded as "self-inflicted", "suicide", "misadventure suicide", or "open-verdict suicide" – or words to this effect - and ii. had attempted suicide, and for whom**

Could you please clarify what is meant by the question above? As this appears to be ambiguous as it mentions British nationals who were foreign nationals. If we are to assume the questions is referring to British nationals Nottingham County Council have 35 children who've died in the last 3 years. However reason for death is not recorded in a reportable format.

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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