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**Nottinghamshire
County Council**

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Dear Requester

**Request for Information: Ref NCC-043057-19
looked after children 1st January 2019 to 31st December 2019**

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

From the period 1st January 2019 to 31st December 2019

1. The total number of looked after children in the care of your authority that have been:
a. Identified as having been trafficked or a victim of modern slavery – including, but not limited to, those identified through the National Referral Mechanism. No UASC during this period

b. Suspected of having been a victim of trafficking or modern slavery, if not included in a.
One UASC during this period

c. Identified as an unaccompanied asylum-seeking child (UASC) or a separated child.
There were 29 UASC looked after in Nottinghamshire as of 31/12/2019

2. The total number of looked after children in the care of your authority:
a. Identified or suspected as having been trafficked/victim of modern slavery and that have gone missing or absent.
b. Identified as an UASC or separated child and that have gone missing or absent.

3. The total number of individual incidents (which could involve the same child on more than one occasion) of looked after children in the care of your authority:
a. Identified or suspected as having been trafficked/victim of modern slavery and that have gone missing or absent.
b. Identified as an UASC or separated child and that have gone missing or absent.

I can confirm that the Council holds this information. However, this information is not recorded centrally in a way that would allow us to readily extract it and it would require a manual search of individual records to identify the detail you have requested.

You may be aware that there is a statutory limit to the amount of time authorities are required to spend retrieving and collating information in order to respond to a request. This is defined in the Fees and Appropriate Limit Regulations and currently stands at 2.5 days or 18 hours. We estimate that it will take one officer in excess of 2.5 days to locate the information you have requested.

There are 908 case records and allowing for 5 minutes per record it will take in excess of 75 hours to extract the level of detail you have requested. Under Section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act we are not obliged to process requests that exceed this limit.

4. The total number of looked after children in the care of your authority that are still missing or absent (including those that subsequently turned 18 without being found) that were identified or suspected as having been trafficked or identified as an UASC or separated child. Two former UASC who are now with Leaving Care with whom there has been no contact

5. For all of the above please provide a breakdown of these numbers by gender and nationality of the child (e.g. British, Vietnamese, etc.) If identification is a concern due to small numbers involved, please give the total figures and specify whether the child is British / an EU national / non EU national. For Q3 & Q4, please add the length of time the child was missing during each incident.

Q1 (b). 17-year-old female (Iraqi)

Q4. 20-year-old male (Eritrean) no contact since Feb 2019

20-year r old male (Iraqi) no contact since April 2018

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, [click here](#) to see the Disclosure logs.

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

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Yours sincerely

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