

Dear Requester

I refer to your recent Freedom of Information request.

For each month since May 2019 until October 2020, please provide the following information regarding unaccompanied under-age asylum seekers (UUAS):

- How many under-16 year old UUAS registered with the council?

If someone presents in Nottinghamshire as an unaccompanied asylum seeking child (under 18 years) then they are accommodated under s20 Children Act 1989 by Nottinghamshire Social Care. We had three spontaneous presentations of UASC who claimed to be under 16 years between May 2019 – October 2020.

1 in July 2019

1 in August 2019

1 in December 2019.

- How many 16-18 year old UUAS registered with the council?

If someone presents in Nottinghamshire as an unaccompanied asylum seeking child (under 18 years) then they are accommodated under s20 Children Act 1989 by Nottinghamshire Social Care. We had 11 spontaneous presentations of UASC who claimed to be either 16/17 years old between May 2019 – October 2020.

5 in July 2019

1 in Aug 2019

1 in Oct 2019

1 in Nov 2019

2 in June 2020

1 in July 2020

- Differentiating between the above two categories, how many were taken into care

All unaccompanied asylum seeking child (under 18 years) are accommodated under s20 Children Act 1989 by Nottinghamshire Social Care.

- Differentiating between the above two categories, how many were placed in NASS accommodation

No unaccompanied asylum seeking child (under 18 years) were accommodated by NASS

During May 2019 – Oct 2020 we had one young person present initially as a child who was later identified to be over 18 years and so moved to NASS accommodation following a full Merton Compliant Age Assessment.

I hope this assists. Should you have any further enquiries please do not hesitate to contact me directly on the details below.

Complaints, Information and Mediation Officer
Nottinghamshire County Council

In addition to this and for future reference Nottingham County Council regularly publishes previous FOIR,s and answers on its website, under Disclosure logs. (see link)
<http://site.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/thecouncil/democracy/freedom-of-information/disclosure-log/>

You can use the search facility using keywords.

If you wish to raise any concerns about the way your request was dealt with, then please write to the Team Manager, Complaints and Information, County Hall, West Bridgford, Nottingham, NG2 7QP or e-mail foi@nottsc.gov.uk quoting the reference number above.