



My Ref: FOI/4460
Your Ref:
Date: 27/05/2025
Enquiries to: Information Requests
E-Mail: informationrequests@barnsley.gov.uk

Dear Requester,

Re: Request for Information – Freedom of Information Act 2000

I wish to confirm that the council has completed its search for the information which you requested.

The information requested and our findings are as follows: -

Your questions and my findings are as follows:-

Please release the following information relating to looked after children in the care of your authority for the periods:

- 1 January 2022 to 31 December 2022
- 1 January 2023 to 31 December 2023
- 1 January 2024 to 31 December 2024
- 1 January 2025 to May 31 2025 (or to May 27 2025 if you have to count it to the date I sent this FOI request).

1. Please tell me the total number of looked after children in the care of your authority during each of these time periods.

Year	CIC
2022	395
2023	401
2024	375
2025	357

1a. Please tell me the total number of looked after children in the care of your authority who have gone missing or absent during each of these time periods.

Year	CIC Missing
2022	X
2023	43
2024	81
2025	37

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1b. Please tell how many of them in total are still missing?

0

2. Please tell me the total number of looked after children in the care of your authority that have identified as an unaccompanied asylum-seeking child (UASC) or a separated child in each of the above specified time periods (1 January 2022 to 31 December 2022; 1 January 2023 to 31 December 2023; 1 January 2024 to 31 December 2024; 1 January 2025 to May 31 2025/ or to May 27 2025 if you have to count it from the date I sent this FOI request).

Year	UASC
2022	14
2023	25
2024	25
2025	16

3. Please tell me the total number of looked after children in the care of your authority identified as an UASC or separated child and that have gone missing or absent in each of the above listed years.

Year	UASC Missing
2022	X
2023	C
2024	C
2025	0

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C – Less than 5, suppressed to protect confidentiality.

3a. If possible, please tell me the age and nationality of each of these children.

Less than 5, answer suppressed to preserve confidentiality.

4. Please tell me the total number of individual incidents (which could involve the same kid on more than one occasion) of looked after children in the care of your authority identified as an UASC or separated child and that have gone missing or absent in each of the above listed years.

Year	UASC Missing episodes
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2022	X
2023	C
2024	C
2025	0

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C – Less than 5, suppressed to protect confidentiality.

5. Please tell me the total number of looked after children in the care of your authority that are still missing or absent (including those who subsequently turned 18 without being found) that were identified or suspected as an UASC or separated child.

0

5a. If possible, please tell me the age and nationality of each of these children.

No relevant children

If you have any queries about this letter, please contact Information Requests via email.

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Kind regards,

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