



My Ref: FOI4891
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: -

To Whom it May Concern, I am writing to make an open government request for all the information to which I am entitled under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. Please release the following information relating to looked after children in the care of your authority for the period 1 January 2024 to 31 December 2024. 1. The total number of looked after children in the care of your authority that are: a. Identified as having been trafficked or a victim of modern slavery – including, but not limited to those identified through the National Referral Mechanism. b. Suspected of having been a victim of trafficking or modern slavery, if not included in a. c. Identified as an unaccompanied asylum-seeking child (UASC) or a separated child d. Identified as an unaccompanied asylum-seeking child (UASC) or a separated child who have also been identified or suspected of having been a victim of trafficking or modern slavery. 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. c. Identified as an unaccompanied asylum-seeking child (UASC) or a separated child who have also been identified or suspected of having been a victim of trafficking or modern slavery, 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. 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 5. 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 as an UASC or separated child. 6. For questions 1a, 1b and 2a please provide a breakdown of these numbers by year and whether the child is British or non-British. 7. For question 2, please provide a breakdown of these numbers by type of accommodation missing from. Please note that statutory duties include collecting and recording the following: - Whether a child is a victim of trafficking/modern slavery, or whether there is reason to believe they may be a victim - Whether a child is an unaccompanied asylum-seeking child (UASC) - Data on children reported missing from care I

would be grateful if you could contact me if there are any issues regarding this request as I understand that under the Act, you are required to advise and assist requesters.

Barnsley Council does not hold this data. Please contact South Yorkshire Police directly to retrieve this data.

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

Please remember to quote the reference number above in any future communications.

If you are unhappy with the way the Directorate has handled your request, you may ask for an internal review. Please clearly mark your correspondence 'Complaint' and address it to:

Barnsley MBC
Information Requests Team
PO Box 634
Barnsley
S70 9GG
email: informationrequests@barnsley.gov.uk

If you are not content with the outcome of the internal review, you have the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at: -

Customer Services Team
Information Commissioner's Office
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
Cheshire
SK9 5AF

Email: <http://www.ico.org.uk/foicomplaints>

Kind regards,

Information Requests Team, Barnsley MBC

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