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Unaccompanied Asylum Seeking Children (UASC) and Former UASC Deaths

1. The number of young people (aged under 25) who previously arrived in the UK as unaccompanied asylum-seeking children (UASC) and who were:

a. Children Looked After (CLA)

There were 160 UASC who arrived in the Belfast Trust locality in the time period. These young people were not Looked After at the point of arrival. However, were subsequently supported under Looked After Child arrangements, as per policy.

Or

b. Former Relevant Children / Care-Leavers (FRC) between 2015 and December 2024.

In the period, these 160 young people at 1a. transitioned at age 18 from Looked After Child arrangements to FR / Care Leaver arrangements.

2. For each of the two groups listed in Question 1, please provide the number who died between January 2015 and December 2024.

There was no death reported for a LAC UASC.
There was one death reported for a FR / Care Leaver.

3. For each of the two groups listed in Question 1, please provide the number who died, and whose death was self-inflicted or suicide, between January 2015 and December 2024.

The death reported at question 2. was due to suicide.

4. If the answer to questions 2 or 3 is 1 or more, for each case please provide a) the date of death; b) the nationality of the deceased; c) the age at the time of death; d) the full name of the deceased; e) the cause of death.

In answer to questions 2 and 3, please record the figures separately and by reference to the individual's status (i.e. looked-after child (LAC) or former relevant child (FRC)) at the time of their death.

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