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Asylum Seeking Children and Looked After Children

I write to submit a request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 relating to individuals under the care of your health and social care trust.

1. How many unaccompanied asylum-seeking children (UASC), aged 17 and under, are or were in the care of your health and social care trust (so are children looked-after (CLA)) for each year from 2015 up to and including 2024?

2. How many former unaccompanied asylum-seeking children (UASC), aged 18 to 21, are or were in receipt of support from your health and social care trust (so are former relevant children (FRC)) for each year from 2015 up to and including 2024?

Appendix:

Year	Number of UASC CLA (age 17 and under) in care of your health and social care trust <i>*On 31/3 of the year</i>	Number of UASC FRC (age 18 to 21) in receipt of support from your health and social care trust <i>*on 31/3 of the year</i>
2015		
2016		
2017		
2018		
2019		
2020		
2021		
2022	17	45
2023	19	60
2024	28	61

The service has part completed the request as the Trust only started tracking such information from 2022.

Whilst the Trust could provide the information from 2015 – 21 it would require more than 18 hours to gather the remaining information through manual searches. This would exceed the costs limit specified in the FOI act.

We estimate that compliance with this element of the request for information would exceed the appropriate costs limit. Under Section 12 of the Freedom of Information 2000, the limit has been specified as £450 and represents the estimated cost of one or more persons spending 18 hours in determining whether we hold the information, locating, retrieving and extracting this information.