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Missing People – Looked After Children

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.**

Less than 5 (<5)

Use of <5 (less than five): We are unable to provide an exact figure - exempt from release under Section 40(2) of the Freedom of Information Act, as the small numbers involved could make children personally identifiable. Disclosure would constitute a breach of the principles of the General Data Protection Regulation 2018.

b. **Suspected of having been a victim of trafficking or modern slavery, if not included in a.**

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c. **Identified as an unaccompanied asylum-seeking child (UASC) or a separated child.**

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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.**

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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.**

Nil

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b. Identified as an UASC or separated child and that have gone missing or absent.

Less than 5 (<5)

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.

Nil

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.

Nil

b. Identified as an UASC or separated child and that have gone missing or absent.

Less than 5 (<5)

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.

Nil

5. The total number of looked after children in 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.

Nil

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- 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.**

All were non-British.

- 7. For question 2, please provide a breakdown of these numbers by type of accommodation missing from.**

Response at 2.b: - The accommodation was Supported Living