

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000

Your request for information has now been considered and the Council's response to your questions is shown below.

You asked:

- 1. The number of foreign national children that you have in care at your institution, by year, since 1st April 2013 to 31st December 2013.**
 - a. Please provide the nationality and age of each foreign national child in care at your institution during this period.**

- 2. The number of foreign national children that are in care at your institution and who have been charged, by year, for offences under Section 4(2) and Section 6(2) of the Misuse of Drugs Act 1971, since 1st April 2013 to 31st December 2013.**
 - a. Please also provide the nationality and age of each foreign national child arrested for the above offences during this period.**

- 3. The number of foreign national children that are in care at your institution and have been charged, by year, for offences under Section 1 of the 1968 Theft Act, since 1st April 2013 to 31st December 2013.**
 - a. Please also provide the nationality and age of each foreign national child arrested for the above offence during this period.**

Section 12 of the Act makes provision for public authorities to refuse requests for information where the cost of dealing with them would exceed the appropriate limit, which for local government is set at £450. This represents the estimated cost of one person spending more than 18 hours in determining whether the department holds the information, locating, retrieving and extracting the information.

Across fieldwork we have between 1500 and 1800 open cases, some of which may involve foreign national children. In order to answer your request all open cases would need to be considered in order to identify the cohort; we would then need to drill down into each record identified in order to gather the case specific information you've requested.

This is therefore a Refusal Notice under section 17.1 of the Freedom of Information Act, because under the provisions of section 12.1 of the Act, the Council estimates that to comply with your request in its current form will exceed the appropriate limit.

We are able to confirm that during the period in question we had 5 under 18 unaccompanied asylum seeking children and none of these children were arrested for any of the offences mentioned above.

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If you are dissatisfied with the handling of your request please write to:

Information Governance Manager
Information and Support
Leicester City Council
FREEPOST (LE985/33)
New Walk Centre
LEICESTER LE1 6ZG
e-mail: info-requests@leicester.gov.uk

Your request for internal review should be submitted to the above address within 40 (forty) working days of receipt by you of this response. Any such request received after this time will only be considered at the Council's absolute discretion.

You can also complain to the Information Commissioner at:

Information Commissioner's Office
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow SK9 5AF
Telephone: 01625 545 700
www.informationcommissioner.gov.uk

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