

## 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:

**The number of unaccompanied asylum seeking children in the care of the council/authority in each of the past five financial years.**

2011	6 under 18	13 over 18	Total 19
2010	8 under 18	20 over 18	Total 28
2009	8 under 18	22 over 18	Total 30
2008	14 under 18	16 over 18	Total 30
2007	19 under 18	11 over 18	Total 30

**The number of unaccompanied asylum seeking children in the care of the council/authority in each of the past five financial years who were believed to be the victims of human-trafficking.**

By virtue of money changing hands for the travel arrangements for these children all have been trafficked. In terms of specific concerns with police involvement / concerns 3.

**The number of unaccompanied asylum seeking children who have gone missing while in the care of the council/authority in each of the past five financial years.**

2011	0
2010	0
2009	0
2008	0
2007	2

**Please indicate whether these children have been found.**

Neither of them

**In addition please can you provide the total number of unaccompanied asylum seeking children, and their nationalities, who have been the subject of age- assessments and/or age-disputes in each of the past five financial years?**

All have been subject to age assessments, these figures show those assessed as over 18 years of age.

2011	4	2 Afghani, 2 Vietnamese
2010	3	2 Vietnamese, 1 Somali
2009	9	7 Afghani, 1 Vietnamese, 1 Albanian
2008	3	3 Afghani
2007	16	6 Afghani, 7 Iraqi, 1 Palestinian, 1 Vietnamese, 1 DRC

**Please provide the outcomes of these disputes.**

Individuals could apply for extension of their Discretionary Leave to Remain (DLR) and apply for DWP benefits and continue to be assisted as a Care Leaver by 18+ Team. Or, be granted indefinite leave to remain (ILR) and be able to work or access DWP benefits and continue to be supported as Care Leavers by 18+ Team. Alternatively, a failed Asylum Seeking adult who (depending on if Port or In Country applicant) may be subject to s54 of the Nationality Asylum and Immigration Act and therefore be barred from on-going s24 support from LA unless to not provide it would constitute a breach of their Human Rights. In these limited cases the person would be assisted to seek independent legal advice re; their options and basis for any new or fresh submissions.

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**LEICESTER LE1 6ZG**

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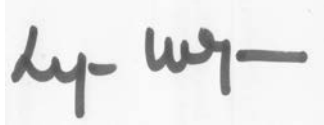
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Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Lynn Wyeth', is written on a light-colored rectangular background.

**Lynn Wyeth**  
**Head of Information Governance**