

18 August 2021
Our ref: 7535080

Thank you for your request received on 2 August 2021, for the following information:

1. a) What is the total number of asylum seeking children (UASCs) the council has had in its care between 1 January 2016 and 31 December 2020 inclusive? ie. the total number of UASCs the council had in its care at any point during these years.

1. b) If possible please break this figure down by calendar year. ie. How many individual UASCs did the council care for at some point in each of the years 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020?

2. What were the nationalities/country of origin of the children in question 1a? And how many UASCs of each nationality/country of origin did the council care for?

3. Of the children in question 1a, how many have gone missing and not yet been found?

4. In which years did the children in question 3. go missing and how many went missing in each year?

5. What were the nationalities/country of origin of the children in question 3? And how many missing UASCs of each nationality/country of origin are there? (For the whole five year period, not broken down by year)

6. What were the ages of the children in question 3? And how many children of each age are there? (For the whole five year period, not broken down by year)

We have processed this request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Response

The council holds the information requested and the answers to your questions are below

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2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
51	93	100	105	106

2. What were the nationalities/country of origin of the children in question 1a? And how many UASCs of each nationality/country of origin did the council care for?

Nationality	Total
Afgan	76
Albanian	36
Algerian	1
Angolan	1
Chadian	3
Egyptian	3
Eritrean	20
Ethiopian	7
Guinean	2
Iranian	16
Iraqi	6
Kurdish	1
Kuwaiti	1
Nigerian	1
Pakistani	1
Palestinian	1
Sudanese	16
Syrian	4
Vietnamese	20
Not stated	3
Grand Total	219

3. Of the children in question 1a, how many have gone missing and not yet been found?

None

4. In which years did the children in question 3. go missing and how many went missing in each year?

N/A

5. What were the nationalities/country of origin of the children in question 3?

***And how many missing UASCs of each nationality/country of origin are there?
(For the whole five year period, not broken down by year)***

N/A

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N/A

Further information

If you are interested in the data that the council holds you may wish to visit Open Barnet, the council's data portal. This brings together all our published datasets and other information of interest on one searchable database for anyone, anywhere to access. <http://open.barnet.gov.uk/>

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