

My ref: FOI 340122
Your ref:
Date: 29th June 2009
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Ms T Potter

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By email:
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Room 307
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Dear Ms Potter

Re: Freedom of Information request.

I write with reference to your email of June 8th, in which you make a request for information regarding 16 and 17 year old newly arrived Unaccompanied Asylum Seeking Children (UASC) in October, November and December 2008.

This request has been dealt with under the Freedom of Information Act and I can confirm that we do hold the information requested.

There were 6 newly arrived 16/17 year olds who were accommodated under Section 20 of the Children Act 1989 for the first time in the last quarter of 2008.

I have collated the information into a table as per that contained in your email.

Qu. A	Qu. B	Qu. C	Qu. D	Qu. E	Qu. F	Qu. G
17.5	03/10/2008	No	Yes - 15/05/09	Yes	No	See below
17.5	22/10/2008	No	Not Applicable	Yes	No	See below
17.3	23/10/2008	No	Not Applicable	Yes	No	See below
16.4	07/11/2008	No	Not Applicable	Yes	No	See below
17.1	12/11/2008	No	Not Applicable	Yes	No	See below
16.6	25/11/2008	No	Not Applicable	Yes	No	See below

Qu. G. The exact date any individual UASC was assessed as being 18 or more years of age.

You were contacted by Julia Terry in respect of this part of your request. Mrs Terry explained that further clarification was needed in order to fulfil this part of your request. You responded on June 21st, stating that you did not consider clarification to be necessary.

The Freedom of Information Act allows us to not comply with a request if we reasonably require more information to clarify that request and we have communicated this to you.

Since you have declined to provide us with this clarification, we will not be able to fulfil this part of your request, as outlined in s.1(3) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

If you are able to provide the requested clarification, please resubmit this part as a new request.

In your response please also state with a simple Yes or No, on whether or not you follow the practice of not accommodating a UASC under Section 20 until you have assessed them as being under the age of 18?

I can confirm that yes, Cambridgeshire County Council follows the stated practice.

I hope this information is helpful in answering your request, however if you are unhappy with the service you have received in relation to your request and wish to make a complaint or request a review of our decision, you should write to Helen Maneuf, Head of Audit, Scrutiny and Information Governance, Box Res1405, Room 307, Shire Hall, Cambridge CB3 0AP within 40 days of the date of this letter.

If you are not content with the outcome of the internal review, you have the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at: Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF.

Kind regards

Sarah Priestley
Information Governance Officer.