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Dear Mr Turner

Freedom of Information Request 533668

Thank you for your recent request received 28 April 2017. Your request was actioned under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 in which you requested the following information:—

In May 2016 the Home Office issued new guidance on the administrative removal of EEA nationals. This suggests that enforcement agencies can administratively remove EEA nationals who are sleeping rough on the basis that doing so amounts to a 'misuse of Treaty rights' (under the EU Treaties). This request concerns the work that Liverpool City Council has been conducting with Immigration Compliance and Enforcement (ICE) and the Home Office in relation to rough sleepers.

Can you please answer the following questions:

1. From 2010 to present, how many visits have been made in Liverpool specifically aimed at finding EEA nationals who are rough sleeping?
2. For each of these visits in Liverpool, please can you let me know:
 - a. the number of people questioned?
 - b. the date of the visit?
 - c. the location of the visit?
3. For each of these visits in Liverpool, was any information provided to these people regarding:
 - a. the operation?
 - b. conditions for their rights of residence in the UK?
 - c. their possible removal from the UK as a result of their rough sleeping?

In each case, please provide copies of any information provided.

4. Do Liverpool City Council officers receive training on the right to reside / procedural safeguards / proportionality? If so:

- a. How often do Liverpool City Council officers receive such training?
- b. Please provide copies of any training materials.

We look forward to hearing from you within 20 working days. If my request is denied in whole or in part, I request that you justify all refusals/deletions by reference to specific exemptions in the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Response:

Liverpool City Council confirms that it holds information relevant to the terms of your request, our response being set out below –

- 1 None - Liverpool City Council undertakes no enforcement activity in relation to rough sleepers who are EEA nationals. This responsibility rests with Immigration, The Home Office and Police.
- 2. N/A
- 3. N/A
- 4 As Liverpool City Council undertakes no enforcement activity in relation to rough sleepers who are EEA nationals, we do not train staff in relation to the right to reside/ procedural safeguards/proportionality

This concludes our response.

The City Council will consider appeals, referrals or complaints in respect of your Freedom of Information Act 2000 and you must submit these in writing to Informationrequests@liverpool.gov.uk within 28 days of receiving your response.

The matter will be dealt with by an officer who was not previously involved with the response and we will look to provide a response within 40 days.

If you remain dissatisfied you may also apply to the Information Commissioner for a decision about whether the request for information has been dealt with in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

The Information Commissioner's website is www.ico.gov.uk and the postal address and telephone numbers are:-

Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire SK95AF. Fax number 01625 524 510, DX 20819.
Telephone 01625 545745.

Email: mail@ico.gsi.gov.uk (they advise that their email is not secure)

I trust this information satisfies your enquiry.

Yours sincerely

Information Team