

Ms. Anna Mulcahy

30 November 2018
Ref: 11084828

Dear Ms. Mulcahy

Freedom of Information Act 2000

I can confirm that the information requested is held by Brent Council. I have detailed below the information that is being released to you.

I am seeking information about the support provided by the council to people who have 'No Recourse to Public Funds' (NRPF) status, assigned to those subject to immigration control (e.g. those on temporary visas, those with a pending visa application, those who do not have any immigration status), which excludes them from mainstream welfare benefits and housing support. People with NRPF are entitled to support from Local Authorities in certain circumstances to avoid destitution, where there is a child in need, and / or because of complex health needs (under Children Act 1989, Care Act 2014 and / or Human Rights Act).

I am requesting data from two-time periods (January-June 2017 and January-June 2018). I am aware that in cases where gathering data to fully respond to a Freedom of Information request would exceed the allowable time limit or cost, authorities are not required to work up to these limits (that is, they are not required to partially respond and provide as much data as the limit allows). However, I ask that if providing data for both time periods will exceed the limit, that you please just provide data for the single time period January-June 2018, in accordance with Section 16 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 that states authorities have a duty to provide assistance to those making a request.

I suggest this FOI request is forwarded to the council's dedicated NRPF Team, or if your council does not have a dedicated NRPF Team, to Children's Services. Many thanks in advance for your assistance with this matter.

Please provide data for the following questions:

1. How many requests for support under Section 17 of the Children Act 1989 did the council receive from families where the parent(s) had 'No Recourse to Public Funds' (NRPF) status in the following six-month periods:

a. January ' June 2018 - **38**

b. January ' June 2017 - **22**

2. How many Child in Need Assessments were conducted by the council in response to requests for support under Section 17 of the Children Act 1989 from families where the parent(s) had 'No Recourse to Public Funds' (NRPF) status in the following six-month periods:

a. January ' June 2018 - **20**

b. January ' June 2017 - **11**

3. How many requests for support under Section 17 of the Children Act 1989 from families where the parent(s) had 'No Recourse to Public Funds' (NRPF) status were granted (that is, the family went on to receive social services support) in the following six-month periods:

a. January ' June 2018 - **05**

b. January ' June 2017 - **08**

4. How many requests for support under Section 17 of the Children Act 1989 from families where the parent had 'No Recourse to Public Funds' (NRPF) status were refused for the following reasons, during the period January-June 2018:

a. The parents' immigration status - **08**

b. The family was not ordinarily resident in the borough – **N/A**

c. The family was deemed not destitute / the child(ren) was not 'in need' under Section 17 of the Children Act 1989. - **0**

If you are dissatisfied with the handling of your request, you have the right to ask for an internal review. Internal review requests should be submitted within two months of the date of receipt of the response to your original letter and should be addressed to:

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The Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF.
Phone: 0303 123 1113
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I will now close your request as of this date.

Yours sincerely

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