

Request:

UASC Personnel within the organisation

- 1. How many Unaccompanied Asylum-Seeking Children and Young People (UASC) are in your Local Authority's care as of 10th October 2022?**
 - a. On the above numbers, how many are aged under 12, 13-15 and 16-17?**

21 UASC were in Local Authority care as of 10th October 2022.

0 are aged under 12

1 is aged 13 – 15 years

20 are aged 16 – 17 years

- 2. How many UASC were in your Local Authority care on the financial years ending:**
 - a. 31 March 2021: 1**
 - b. 31 March 2020: 2**
 - c. 31 March 2019: 1**

- 3. Do you have a team/s that solely manage UASC cases?**
 - a. If yes, could you outline the Team Structure and where it sits within the organisation? For example, 1 Team comprises 1 Team Manager, 2 Senior Social Workers and 2 Social Workers.**
 - b. If no, is there a reason as to why?**

The Authority has social workers who specialise in UASC cases, but they are part of the normal teams.

- 4. Please supply the Job Descriptions of the workers who manage UASC cases? E.g. Social Worker, Senior Social Worker, Assistant Team Manager and Team Manager.**

Please see attached documents. The Authority does not have “assistant team managers” and our “senior social workers” are called advanced practitioners.

Age Assessments

- 5. How many age assessments have the Local Authority conducted on the financial years ending:**
 - a. 31 March 2021: 1**
 - b. 31 March 2020: 0**
 - c. 31 March 2019: 0**



Reference: FOI-126

6. Does the Local Authority's Social Workers complete the age assessments? If not, who does?

Yes

7. How many of the above age assessments resulted in the person to be:

a. Under 18

- i. 31 March 2021: 1**
- ii. 31 March 2020: 0**
- iii. 31 March 2019: 0**

b. 18 or over

- i. 31 March 2021: 0**
- ii. 31 March 2020: 0**
- iii. 31 March 2019: 0**

8. Were any of the above age assessment challenged by a way of Judicial Proceedings?

a. If so, how many are active?

b. How many have concluded?

- i. Out of the above number, how many resulted in the Local Authority's favour?**

Zero have been challenged by way of judicial review.

9. Please provide a copy of all templates used for completing an age assessment. For example, some local authorities complete shorten version of an age assessment, brief enquiries, or welfare visits.

Please see attached documents.

10. Do you have a policy or practice guidance for staff on the age assessment process?

a. If yes, please provide a copy.

The Authority uses the age assessment guidance produced by ADCS. This is available online at

https://adcs.org.uk/assets/documentation/Age_Assessment_Guidance_2015_Final.pdf



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Social Work Practice

11. What is the process when the Local Authority received a referral of an UASC in your area?

- a. If you have guidance/policy, please provide a copy
- b. Is the arrangement different on Out of Hours?

Referrals are sent from the National Transfer Scheme to the designated officer who is the senior manager for Children In Care. On receipt, a referral is made to the duty MASH team once a care arrangement has been identified. A social worker is then allocated from the Assessment team to undertake an assessment which leads to the child in care process.

Any UASC arriving in our area outside of the National Transfer scheme are referred to our duty MASH team and subsequently allocated to a social worker in the Assessment teams.

Any UASC referral out of hours would be picked up by the Emergency Duty Service and then referred into day services the following working day to follow the above process.

12. Do you use social media checks at any point during the age assessment process?

- a. If so, do you have a policy/guidance, please supply a copy.

No

13. Could you provide a breakdown on the current UASC in your care on their placement type? For example, 23 in foster care, 21 in semi-independent 24/7 support, 33 in semi-independent non 24/7 support.

2 in foster care, 2 in independent living, 2 in children's homes, 18 in supported accommodation 24/7 support

14. Please provide copies of any policies, guidelines, or practice resources that are aimed at UASC?

The Authority does not have policies or procedures specifically for the care of our UASC population. We use our Children In Care policies and procedures available online.