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Request:

1) How many asylum seekers or refugees under the age of 18 do you have in total?

X

The Code of Practice for Official Statistics requires that reasonable steps should be taken to ensure that all published or disseminated statistics protect confidentiality. To do this totals are rounded and small numbers are suppressed. "x" - numbers less than or equal to 5 are suppressed to protect confidentiality.

2) How many age disputes have you had with asylum seekers since 2003?

This would require a manual check of all record on file. Therefore this part of the request is refused under s12 (1) Freedom of Information Act 2000, since the cost of complying would exceed the appropriate limit set out in the Freedom of Information and Data Protection (Appropriate Limit and Fees) Regulations 2004.

In assessing the cost of complying, the costs attributable to officer time involved in complying have been taken into account. Such costs are limited to £450.00 under the Regulations, which equates to eighteen hours of officer time.

3) How many age assessments have led to an asylum seeker being classed as an adult when they claimed they were a child since 2003?

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4) How many age assessments have you gotten wrong since 2003?

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5) The Home Office states that two social workers are required to carry out an age assessments. Are there specific factors the social workers look out for when carrying out an assessment?

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