Reference: RFI 1710063



Request:

European national children and young people in care

I apply under the terms of the Freedom of Information Act for the following information about children and young people from European countries cared for or supported by your Local Authority.

To be specific, I am seeking information relating to children and young people who are:

- Up to the age of 25;
- Who are from countries in the EU or the EEA, who are in the care of, or supported by, the Local Authority
- To avoid confusion, the EU/EEA states are: Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Croatia, Republic of Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, the Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, and Sweden.
- This would include children and young people who have been taken into care because of child protection concerns and/or where private/public family law proceedings are underway. They may have been placed in foster care or other forms of accommodation, or they may be detained but are still being financed by your own Local Authority. They may or may not have an allocated Social Worker.

Request - In 2016:

1. How many European national children under the age of 16 were being supported / accommodated by your Local Authority?

2. How many European national children between the ages of 16 to 18 were being supported / accommodated by your Local Authority?

3. How many European national 18 - 25 year olds were being supported / accommodated by your Local Authority?

If possible, please also provide the following information:

4. What are the predominant nationalities of the children identified at (1) & (2) above? For example please provide us with the top five nationalities

5. What are the predominant nationalities of the 18-25 year identified at (3) above? For example please provide us with the top five nationalities

Response:

To provide this in formation would require a manual check of 430 casefiles to determine Nationality. Therefore this 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.

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