



Reference: FOI1344

**Request:**

Freedom of Information Act ("FOIA") request

We write to request the following information under the FOIA in relation to assessments of, and the provision of support to, families with No Recourse to Public Funds ("NRPF") seeking access to support under section 17 of the Children Act 1989. If you require any further clarification as to our request, kindly inform us promptly and we would be happy to assist.

**Contact details**

Does your local authority have a separate team dealing with requests for support under section 17 Children Act 1989, for example an 'NRPF team' all requests for help and support are dealt with through our Multi-Agency Safeguarding Hub

If yes, please provide contact details for this team (telephone and email)

Not applicable

If no, please confirm where referrals for such support should be directed to and the contact details (telephone and email)

North Tyneside Multi-Agency Safeguarding Hub; Front Door Service; Quadrant East, Silverlink North, Cobalt Business Park, North Tyneside, NE27 0BY; 0345 2000 109; childrenandadultscontactcentre@northtyneside.gov.uk

Please also provide contact details for the relevant legal team supporting children's services or dedicated NRPF team

See question 3

**Policies**

Do you have any guidance or policy documents or other such written material in respect of undertaking assessments and providing support pursuant to section 17 of the Children Act 1989 to families with no recourse to public funds (including documents specific to this issue, or of more general application but covering this issue)?

North Tyneside Council assesses families requiring help and support under Working Together 2018. There is no specific guidance in relation to NRPF cases

If yes, please provide us with a copy.

Not applicable

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**Subsistence**

Do you pay a set rate of financial subsistence to families with no recourse to public funds?

No. Each case is determined on the individual circumstances of the case and the assessed need of the family.

If yes, what is paid?

Not applicable

How has that figure been reached? E.g. is it by reference to Child Benefit rates, asylum support (section 4 or section 95 rates)?

As per Answer to Question 7

When was this level set?

Not applicable

Who took this decision?

Not applicable

Please provide copies of any reports, minutes, decision documents detailing the setting of this rate.

Not applicable

If you do not pay a set rate of financial subsistence to families with no recourse to public funds, do you have any guidelines relating to rates of financial support?

Not applicable

If yes, please provide a copy.

Not applicable

**Statistical information**

How many referrals for section 17 support for families with NRPF were received in 2018? Please take 'referrals' to include both self-presentations and referrals from other agencies or organisations.

X

How many assessments were undertaken by the NRPF team in 2018?

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X

In how many of these cases was accommodation and/or subsistence support given?

X

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Therefore, this information is exempt from disclosure under section 40, personal data, as there is a risk that to release this could identify individuals.