



Our ref: 71188333

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Thank you for the Freedom of Information request you have made. This request is being handled under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (the Act).

### **Request**

**I would like to request, under Freedom of Information, copies of all internal guides and policies in relation to making decisions on Age Dispute claims for Unaccompanied Asylum Seeking Children (UASC).**

**I would ask that these documents include any guides given to staff making age dispute decisions, any safeguarding guides and any templates used to record decisions.**

### **Response**

I can confirm that Birmingham Children's Trust holds the information you have requested. Under section 21(1) of the Act (Information accessible to the applicant by other means) we are not required to provide information in response to a request if it is already reasonably accessible by other means and even if there is a charge or fee to obtain this information.

The information you have requested is publicly available through the following links:

[Unaccompanied Migrant Children and Child Victims of Trafficking and Modern Slavery](#)

[Age Assessment Guidance – ADCS](#)

[Age Assessment | BASW Practice Guide | BASW](#)

Please quote the reference number **71188333** in any future communications.

If you are dissatisfied with our response to your request, you have the right to ask for an internal review. Internal review requests should be submitted within 40 working days from the date this authority issued its initial response. Please outline which part of the response you are not happy with setting out your reasons. This request should be addressed to:

Corporate Information Governance Team  
PO Box 16366  
Birmingham  
B2 2YY

Email: [infogovernance@birmingham.gov.uk](mailto:infogovernance@birmingham.gov.uk)

If you are still dissatisfied with the Birmingham Children's Trust's response after the internal review you have a right of appeal to the Information Commissioner at:

The Information Commissioner's Office

Website: [www.ico.org.uk](http://www.ico.org.uk)

We would like to hear your views on our service. If you'd like to tell us how we did, you can complete our feedback form online at <http://www.yourwebsite.co.uk/foifedback>

I will now close your request as of this date.



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