



Our ref: 77964278

29 October 2025



Thank you for the Freedom of Information Request you have made. I can confirm that the information you have requested is partially held by the Trust and our response is detailed below.

Looked after children

- 1) Please release the following information relating to the periods 01 January to 31 December of the years 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023 and 2024.**
 - a) The number of children looked after by your council**
 - b) The number of children looked after who were accommodated in placements where “care” is not provided (i.e., they are only provided with “support”).**
 - c) The number of children looked after accommodated in placements where “care” is not provided who are under 16 years’ old.**

Unaccompanied asylum-seeking children

- 2) Please release the following information relating to the periods 01 January to 31 December of the years 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023 and 2024.**
 - a) The number of unaccompanied asylum-seeking children³ looked after by your council.**
 - b) The number of unaccompanied asylum-seeking children looked after by your council accommodated in placements where “care” is not provided (i.e., they are only provided with “support”).**
 - c) The number of unaccompanied asylum-seeking children looked after accommodated in placements where “care” is not provided who are under 16 years’ old.**
- 3) Please release the following information relating to the periods 01 January to 31 December of the years 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023 and 2024.**

- a) The number of unaccompanied asylum-seeking children looked after by your council who are also child victims of trafficking.
- b) The number of unaccompanied asylum-seeking children looked after by your council who are also child victims of trafficking accommodated in placements where “care” is not provided (i.e., they are only provided with “support”).
- c) The number of unaccompanied asylum-seeking children looked after by your council who are also child victims of trafficking accommodated in placements where “care” is not provided who are under 16 years’ old.

The questions above will be answered together.

	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
1a. The number of children looked after by your council.	2501	2644	2797	2927	3033
1b. The number of children looked after who were accommodated in placements where “care” is not provided (i.e., they are only provided with “support”). 2	175	241	311	352	405
1c. The number of children looked after accommodated in placements where “care” is not provided who are under 16 years’ old.	14	14	32	45	6
2a. The number of unaccompanied asylum-seeking children³ looked after by your council.	74	154	235	329	361

b. The number of unaccompanied asylum-seeking children looked after by your council accommodated in placements where “care” is not provided (i.e., they are only provided with “support”).	22	91	117	185	230
c. The number of unaccompanied asylum-seeking children looked after accommodated in placements where “care” is not provided who are under 16 years’ old.	≤5	≤5	≤5	6	≤5
<p>Some information has been withheld. This information is exempt under Section 40(2) (Personal information) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (the Act). Where the number is 5 or less, the Trust has replaced the figure with ‘equal to or less than 5’ (“≤5”). The numbers have been withheld to prevent individuals being identified; this is in line with the Information Commissioners guidance of anonymization, which mitigates the risk of individuals being identified. The Trust considers that individuals could potentially be identified from the very low numbers and that such identification would constitute a breach of one of the principles set out under the Data Protection Act 2018. This is on the basis that it could be combined with other reasonably available information to identify individuals. As this is personal data, disclosure under Freedom of Information is conditional upon satisfying the First Data Protection Principle, that processing be fair, lawful and transparent. We recognise that there is a public interest in transparency and accountability in public decision making. We have balanced this against the privacy rights of the individual data subjects.</p>					

	<p>On balance, we consider the detriment to privacy through disclosure outweighs the interest that would be served. Accordingly, disclosure would be in contravention of the First Data Protection Principle. It is therefore appropriate for us to withhold this information under section 40(2) (Personal information) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (the Act) by virtue of section 40(3A)(a). We are therefore exempting this part of the request under section 40(2) of the Act by virtue of section 40(3A)(a) of the same Act.</p>
<p>3a. The number of unaccompanied asylum-seeking children looked after by your council who are also child victims of trafficking.</p>	<p>This information is not held by the Trust. We are committed to our duty under Section 16 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 to provide advice and assistance where it is reasonable to do so; this information may be held by West Midlands Police.</p>
<p>b. The number of unaccompanied asylum-seeking children looked after by your council who are also child victims of trafficking accommodated in placements where “care” is not provided (i.e., they are only provided with “support”).</p>	<p>As above.</p>
<p>c. The number of unaccompanied asylum-seeking children looked after by your council who are also child victims of trafficking accommodated in placements where “care” is not provided who are under 16 years’ old.</p>	<p>As above.</p>

Please quote the reference number **77964278** 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
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Email: infogovernance@birmingham.gov.uk

If you are still dissatisfied with the 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

I will now close your request as of this date.

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