

30 December 2016

**Our Ref:** RFI 18919

Dear

**Freedom of Information Act 2000  
Information in Relation to Unaccompanied Asylum-Seeking Children as at  
31 October 2016**

I am writing to confirm that the South Eastern Health & Social Care Trust (the Trust) has now completed its search for the information relating to the above which you requested on 14 November 2016.

A response to each of the questions raised has been provided by the Children Services & Social Work Directorate and is attached in Appendix A.

Under the terms of the legislation, if you are unhappy with this response you have the right to seek a review within the Trust in the first instance. If you wish to do so, please write to me at the address below.

If after such a review you are still unhappy with the response, you have the right to appeal to the Information Commissioner who will undertake an independent review. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at The Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, SK9 5AF.

If you have any queries about this letter, please do not hesitate to contact me. Please remember to quote the reference number above in any future communications.

Yours sincerely

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**L McAree (Miss)  
Head of Information Governance &  
Directorate Support**

Q1. *In total, how many Unaccompanied Asylum-Seeking Children (UASC) were looked after by you as a local authority as of 31 October 2016?*

A1. As at 31 October 2016 there were no UASC looked after by the Trust.

Q2. *How many transfers of UASC have you accepted as a receiving local authority on a voluntary basis under the National Transfer Scheme or similar voluntary arrangements as described in the Interim National Transfer Protocol (see page 3, paragraph 3 of the Interim National Transfer Protocol [https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/534258/Interim\\_National\\_UASC\\_transfer\\_protocol.pdf](https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/534258/Interim_National_UASC_transfer_protocol.pdf)), during the period from 1 July 2016 until 31 October 2016?*

A2. The Trust has not accepted any transfers of UASC.

Q3. *If you as a local authority did not accept any transfers as per the above question, please select one or more of the following options to explain the reason why:*

*(a) We have not been requested to receive any transfers.*

*(b) We are over the ceiling of 0.07% UASC to child population.*

*(c) We have not agreed to take part in the National Transfers Scheme on a voluntary basis*

*(d) Other (please explain further).*

A3. The Trust has not been requested to receive any transfers.