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Department: **Hertfordshire County Council (Not Hertsmere Borough Council)**
Title: **Unaccompanied asylum seeking children (UASC) support**
Description: **Asylum seeking children**

Request: (As Redacted sent by requestor)

The FOI is relevant to how many unaccompanied asylum seeking children (UASC) has your council volunteered to support since 2018-2020. Please could I have the following information broken down separately for each question by individual year.

1. Please could I have the total of UASC your council has cared for in 2018, 2019, 2020

With a further breakdown of that total:

2. Total number of UASC accepted and cared for through the National Transfer Scheme during 2018, 2019, 2020 (breakdown separate for each year please)
3. Total number of UASC accepted and cared for through the DUBS transfer scheme during 2018, 2019, 2020 (breakdown separate for each year please)
4. Total number of UASC accepted and cared for through the pan-London rota referral scheme during 2018, 2019, 2020 (breakdown separate for each year please)
5. Total number of UASC accepted and cared for through the VCRS (the Vulnerable Children Resettlement Scheme) during 2018, 2019, 2020 (breakdown separate for each year please)
6. Total number of UASC accepted and cared for after spontaneous arrival during 2018, 2019, 2020 (breakdown separate for each year please)
7. Total number of UASC accepted and cared for via any other scheme/means of arrival during 2018, 2019, 2020 (breakdown separate for each year please)

Definitions:

The National Transfer Scheme was launched to encourage all local authorities to volunteer to support unaccompanied asylum-seeking children (UASC)

In support of the scheme, the government increased funding for UASC from £24,675 to £41,610

Please follow this link for more information <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/government-launches-national-transfer-scheme-for-migrant-children>

DUBS : <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/policy-statement-section-67-of-the-immigration-act-2016/factsheet-section-67-of-the-immigration-act-2016>

VCRS: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/uk-resettlement-programmes-funding-instruction-2020-to-2021>

Pan London Rota: <https://www.londoncouncils.gov.uk/our-key-themes/asylum-migration-and-refugees/unaccompanied-asylum-seeking-children-uasc>

Children count as under 18.

Response: (Response as Redacted sent by service)

Thank you for your query.

Hertfordshire is a two tier area and this service is not provided at a district level but by the County Council.

Therefore, please refer your FOI request to Hertfordshire County Council who will be able to help you.

Kind regards
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