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Dear

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST – FOI 1024/24 Missing Migrant Children

I refer to your request for information received by Cumbria Constabulary on the 15th of November 2024. I note you seek access to the following information:

1)

a) How many unaccompanied migrant children have been registered as 'missing' since January 2020?

b) How many of these people (some of whom may now be adults) are still registered as missing?

c) How many of these have been missing for more than one month? How many have been missing for more than six months? How many have been missing for more than a year?

2)

a) Of the people in 1.) b) How many of these are still under the age of 18?

b) Of the people in 1.) b) How many of these are now over 18?

c) Of the people in 1.) b) please break down the ages at which they went missing (ie - how many went missing at age 14, how many at age 15, etc)

d) Please break down the figures in 1.) b) by sex

g) Please break down the figures in 1.) b) by nationality

h) Please break down the figures in 1.) b) by the local authority (or or other authority) from whose care they went missing.

3)

a) Of the people in 1.) b) Please provide me with the age and nationality of the girl who was the youngest on the date she went missing. Has she been missing for more than six months? More than a year? (If data protection rules allow please also tell me in which month did she go missing?) From which local authority/other authority?



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b) Of the people in 1.) b) please provide me with the age and nationality of the boy who was the youngest on the date he went missing. Has he been missing for more than six months, more than a year? (If data protection rules allow please also tell me in which month did she go missing?) From which local authority/other authority?

Your request for information has now been considered and I can confirm that Cumbria Constabulary does not hold the information you have requested in an easily retrievable format. There is no specific field within the Constabulary's missing person reports which would record if the missing person was a 'unaccompanied migrant'. Therefore, to locate and retrieve all the information you seek it would be necessary to undertake a manual review of all missing person reports for children within the period requested.

I have estimated that the time required to review each missing person report and relevant associated records will significantly exceed the "appropriate limit", as stated in the Freedom of Information and Data Protection (Appropriate Limit and Fees) Regulations 2004. The current limit for police forces is set at £450, which equates to 18 hours of work.

Section 12(1) of the Freedom of Information Act does not oblige a public authority to comply with a request for information if the authority estimates that the cost of complying with the request would exceed the appropriate limit. In view of this, and in accordance with Section 17(5) of the Act, this letter serves as a Refusal Notice for your request, by virtue of Section 12(1).

In accordance with the duty under Section 16 of the Act (duty to provide advice and assistance), I regret to say that on this occasion I am unable to offer you any advice or assistance to help you to refine your request so that the time required would be within the "appropriate limit".

Complaint Rights

Your attention is drawn to the attached sheet, which details your right of complaint.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your interest in Cumbria Constabulary.



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