

S40 (2)

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Your ref:

Our ref: **RFI-2016-1466**

20 December 2016

Dear S40 (2)

Request for information: RFI-2016-1466

Your request for information about the Syrian Vulnerable Persons Resettlement Scheme has now been considered. The information held by the Council relevant to your request is set out below:

1. How many people has your LA pledged to resettle under the SVPRS by the end of the scheme (end of 2020?)

40-45 individuals (approx. 10 households maximum) to be resettled in Newark and Sherwood over the next 5 years

2. How many people have been resettled in your LA under the SVPRS as of Friday 9 December 2016?

9 (2 families)

3. Can you provide any information about the way housing is found for refugees resettled under the SVPRS, specifically: **through private rent or social landlords**

- are any of the houses organised through private companies such as G4S or Serco? If so how many properties? **No**

- are you aware of any charities or faith groups making property available to house refugees brought in through the scheme? If so, how many properties? **No**

4. Please provide any official correspondence or communications from your council regarding the policy of obtaining accommodation for refugees under the SVPRS.

See attached

This request has been handled under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

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If you have any further queries or concerns about the information provided please do not hesitate to contact us. If we do not hear from you within 40 days, starting the day after the date of this letter, we will consider the request closed.

If following our response to your query you are still dissatisfied you have the right to request an internal review. This will be conducted by the Director of Safety or the Deputy Chief Executive who have not been involved with the request or complaint until this point. Should you wish to proceed to this stage please advise us quoting the reference number at the top of this page.

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More details of this complaints process are available to view on our website at the following link: www.newark-sherwooddc.gov.uk/yourcouncil/makingarequestforinformation/accesstoinformation-complaintsprocedure/

Yours sincerely

David Clarke

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Information Governance Officer