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Your ref:

Our ref: **RFI-2016-1479**

23 December 2016

Dear Sir/Madam

**Request for information: RFI-2016-1479**

Thank you for your request for information received on 14<sup>th</sup> December 2016 concerning unaccompanied asylum seeking children. This request has been handled under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

You asked:

*We write on behalf of our client, Help Refugees Ltd, under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 to ask that you supply copies of all responses provided by your local authority to the following Home Office correspondence concerning local authority capacity to care for unaccompanied asylum seeking children.*

*(a) The letter dated 8 September 2016 sent to 'All Local Council Leaders' by Robert Goodwill MP, Minister of State for Immigration. This letter had the heading 'UNACCOMPANIED ASYLUM SEEKING AND REFUGEE CHILDREN'; and*

*(b) The letter dated 14 October 2016 sent to Local Authority Leaders by the Rt Hon Amber Rudd, Home Secretary, and Edward Timpson MP, Minister of State for Vulnerable Children and Families. This letter had no heading but concerned local authority capacity to care for unaccompanied asylum seeking children and began with 'At the start of September the Immigration Minister wrote to you to ask you to participate...'; and*

*(c) Any other request by the Home Office for indications of how many places your local authority would be willing to offer to unaccompanied asylum seeking children under s.67 Immigration Act 2016, 'the Dubs Amendment' or under the National Transfer Scheme.*

**I am writing to inform you that as a District Council we are not responsible for co-ordinating this therefore the information you requested is not held by Newark & Sherwood District Council.**

**However it is possible that Nottinghamshire County Council may hold some or all of the information you require as they have co-ordinated and responded to the above. They can be contacted via their website at the link given below.**

**<http://www3.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/atoz/f/freedom-of-information/>**

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.

Should you be dissatisfied with the outcome of any internal review to the Council you have a further right of appeal to the Information Commissioner's Office, details of which can be found on the Information Commissioner's website [www.ico.org.uk/](http://www.ico.org.uk/)

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/](http://www.newark-sherwooddc.gov.uk/yourcouncil/makingarequestforinformation/accesstoinformation-complaintsprocedure/)

There is no charge for making an appeal at any stage.

Yours sincerely

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Information Governance Officer