

East Lothian Council

FOI Ref: 2018/505482

I am writing to you under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 to request the following information from you as a local authority:

- (1) *How many unaccompanied asylum-seeking children (“unaccompanied minors”) are looked after by your local authority? How many are aged 16-18?***

One

- (2) *How many unaccompanied minors have been moved from foster care into semi-independent caring arrangements (supported care), such as the YMCA, after reaching the age of 16 in any of the last 5 years?***

None

- (3) *How many of these unaccompanied minors were then returned from such supported care arrangements to foster care before or on reaching age 18?***

None

- (4) *Do you as a local authority have a policy on supporting unaccompanied asylum-seeking children? If so, may I please receive a copy.***

East Lothian Council (ELC) does not have such a policy. In view of this, under Section 17(1)(b) of the Act, I must formally advise you that ELC has been unable to comply with this part of your request as the information you require is not held.