

Derry City & Strabane

District Council

Comhairle **Chathair Dhoire &** Cheantar an tSratha Báin

Derry Cittie & Stràbane Destrick Cooncil

Ref: FOI / 957

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Ms

Email: @dailymail.co.uk

Dear Ms

Freedom of Information Act 2000 Request Unaccompanied Asylum Seeking children (UASC)

I refer to your FOI request as above. Please note that Derry City and Strabane District Council was formed under the Local Government Act (Northern Ireland) 2014 effective 1 April 2015 following a Review of Public Administration and replaces the former councils of Derry City Council and Strabane District Council. Requests made to the legacy councils since 1 April 2015 are being handled by Derry City and Strabane District Council and duplicate requests made to the legacy councils are being treated as one request.

I can advise that from Council's perspective no unaccompanied asylum seeking children have been resettled in the Derry City and Strabane District Council area in the last 5 years. I would suggest you contact the **Department for Communities** who may have further information. Contact details as follows:

 Department for Communities Lighthouse Building 1 Cromac Place Gasworks Business Park Ormeau Road

> BELFAST BT7 2JB Telephone: 028 9082 9000

Email: homepage@dsdni.gov.uk

For further guidance on the role of local authorities within Northern Ireland and other statutory partners please refer to Northern Ireland's one stop government portal: NIDirect.

If you are dissatisfied with our response you have rights of review and appeal; these rights consist of two review processes.

Firstly our internal review procedure is available by contacting:

John Kelpie Chief Executive Derry City and Strabane District Council 98 Strand Road **BT48 7NN** Derry Tel 028 71253253 or email john.kelpie@derrystrabane.com

Secondly, you can appeal directly by contacting the Information Commissioner at:

Information Commissioner Wycliffe House Water Lane Wilmslow

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Tel: 0303 123 1113 (local rate) or email: casework@ico.org.uk

Yours sincerely

Lead Democratic Services and Improvement Officer