

From: Foi Enquiries
Sent: 17 December 2018 15:47
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: FOI-18-1740 - Age Assessments for Asylum Seekers
Attachments: V2 - Further Information - Right to Review & Appeal.pdf

Dear [REDACTED],

Thank you for your information request of 20 November 2018. Aberdeen City Council (ACC) has completed the necessary search for the information requested. Our response is now detailed below.

1) How many asylum seekers or refugees under the age of 18 do you have in total?

Currently we have two within Aberdeen City.

2) How many age disputes have you had with asylum seekers since 2003? I'm looking for a break down for each year until 2018.

None - after initial referral and multi-agency assessment we were accepting of the age of the young persons.

3) How many age assessments have led to an asylum seeker being classed as an adult when they claimed they were a child since 2003? I'm looking for a break down for each year until 2018.

None.

4) How many age assessments have you gotten wrong since 2003? I'm looking for a break down for each year until 2018.

None.

5) The Home Office states that two social workers are required to carry out an age assessments. Are there specific factors the social workers look out for when carrying out an assessment?

Initial assessment work utilised Age Assessment guidance, and sought support from the lead child protection consultant paediatrician within the City for medical assessment. Further consultation with legal practitioners and from those working with under 18yr old asylum seekers or refugees in Glasgow, given that Aberdeen City has had less referrals from this age group to date.

We hope this helps with your request.

Yours sincerely,

Access to Information Officer

INFORMATION ABOUT THE HANDLING OF YOUR REQUEST

ACC handled your request for information in accordance with the provisions of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002. Please refer to the attached PDF for more information about your rights under FOISA.

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