

I am writing to you under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 to request the following information from Wigan, in the context of a research project on access to education for recently arrived secondary school aged migrant girls. Please may you provide me with answers to the following questions:

- 1) Do you collect data on children from migrant<sup>EU</sup> families newly arrived in your area? Do you collect data on the *gender* of these children? Do you collect data on the *age* of these children?

The LA do not collect this data as a data set. Individual teams will keep information for their service involvement which differs dependent on need i.e. Housing, children’s social care, public health, education of children where English is an additional language, etc. All these data sets combined would not answer these questions in full as we cannot be confident of accurate total numbers.

- 2) If/where possible, we would like to see information on gender and age for the 4 below questions:

	In the 2021-2022 academic year:			
	Total	Girls	14-18 years old	14-18 girls
How many <b>unaccompanied asylum-seeking children</b> (UASC) entered into care in your Local Authority?	27	0	27	0
How many <b>children</b> from <b>resettled refugee families</b> were resettled in your Local Authority?	Not available			
How many <b>children</b> living in <b>asylum seeking families</b> moved in your Local Authority?	Not available			
How many migrant <b>children</b> on <b>family reunion visas</b> moved in your Local Authority?	Not available			

- 3) Of the recently arrived migrant girls between 14 and 18 years old, how many:\*
- \*If data cannot be disaggregated by gender and age, please include information for the overall number of migrant children entering secondary school or college*

	Started education within 4 weeks	Started education between 4 weeks and 3 months	Started education after 3 months or more
Entered education in a secondary school/academy	0	6 started. 5 withdrew.	0
Entered education in a college	NA	NA	NA
Entering education in an Alternative Provision	NA	NA	NA

- 4A) In the past three academic years, how often have recently arrived migrant children been referred to the Fair Access Protocol in place?

0 – All allocated school places, without the need to progress to FAP

- 4B) Once it had been decided that a recently arrived migrant child was to be placed via the FAP, how many of them have been allocated a school place within 20 days? How many have been allocated a school place after 20 days?

Not applicable

Please provide the information in the form of electronic copies. If it is not possible to provide the information requested due to the information exceeding the cost of compliance limits identified in Section 12, please provide advice and assistance, under the Section 16 obligations of the Act, as to how I can refine my request.

[\[1\]](#) Here, the term migrant refers to families or children who recently moved to the UK from a foreign country so that the UK effectively becomes their new country of usual residence. They can have different migration status in the UK (refugees, asylum-seekers, regular migrants on work or family visas, undocumented migrants, etc).