

I am exploring the intersection of child poverty and immigration status, with a particular interest in how children in families with No Recourse to Public Funds (NRPF) are supported. Specifically, I would like to request data on the eligibility and access to Free School Meals (FSM) for children in households affected by the NRPF condition.

I would be grateful if you could provide the following information:

1. Please provide the number of children in your local authority who are living in families with NRPF and who are currently in receipt of Free School Meals, as of the most recent available data.

The Local Authority does not hold the information at this level.

2. Any available policy or guidance that your local authority uses to determine FSM eligibility for children in NRPF households?

The DfE guidance on identifying families is used, we also brief schools on the criteria and process each term. (Free school meals: guidance for schools and local authorities -GOV.UK)

3. The date from which your local authority began Not applicable. recording this category? (if applicable).