



Consistent with the Freedom of Information Act, please can you provide me with the following information:

1. Detailed breakdown of all goods, services, discounts, and benefits provided by the council to illegal migrants, adult asylum seekers, unaccompanied minor asylum seekers, and people granted asylum in each year since 2020.

We do not hold the information that you have requested in an easily retrievable format.

All expenditure is funded by Central Government Grant and not Wigan Council. However we can provide the following data regarding funding that Wigan Council has received from Central Government since 2020.

<u>Year</u>	<u>£m</u>
20/21	0.5
21/22	0.4
22/23	1.7
23/24	6.5
24/25	4.6
Total	<u>13.7</u>

2. Figures (where applicable) for how much money was spent by the council on each item in each year since 2020.

Please see answer to Q1 above.

3. Figures (where applicable) for how many recipients received these items in each year since 2020, broken down by nationality.

We do not hold the information that you have requested in an easily retrievable format. Section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FoIA) relieves a public authority from the obligation to comply with a request for information where the estimated time required to locate, review and extract the information exceeds a certain threshold set out in Regulations.

The Freedom of Information and Data Protection (Appropriate Limit and Fees) Regulations 2004 (SI 2004/3244) set out the rules in relation to the cost limit (otherwise called the "appropriate limit"). These Regulations are published by the Office of Public Sector Information (OPSI) and are viewable on their web site from this link:

http://www.opsi.gov.uk/si/si2004/uksi_20043244_en.pdf

The Regulations set out the cost limit for Government departments and for other public authorities. For local government, Regulation 3 states that the cost limit is £450 and Regulation 4(4) states that the prescribed hourly rate is £25. Regulation 4(4) further provides that where the local authority estimates the time taken to gather the information would exceed this limit (which based on the prescribed hourly rate, equates to 18 officer hours), it may refuse the request under section 12 of FoIA. I am satisfied the cost limit applies to your request and will explain why this is the case.

Over the 5 year period the caseload is 1,125. Based on taking 5 minutes to analyse each case this is 5,625 minutes which equates to over 93 hours.