

## **Freedom of Information – Response – 27230**

*My requests are as follows.*

*Freedom of Information Request # 1 -*

*Since 2020, how many Unaccompanied Asylum Seeking Children (UASC) under your care have been found to be adults (over the age of 18)? Of this figure, how many were removed from schools across the area?*

<i>Year</i>	<i>Since 2020, how many Unaccompanied Asylum Seeking Children (UASC) under your care have been found to be adults (over the age of 18)?</i>	<i>Of this figure, how many were removed from schools across the area?</i>
<i>2020/21</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>
<i>2021/22</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>
<i>2022/23</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>
<i>2023/24</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>
<i>2024/25</i>	<i>&lt;5*</i>	<i>0</i>
<i>2025/26</i>	<i>&lt;5*</i>	<i>0</i>

*\*Data suppression -*

*While there is a general obligation under the Freedom of Information Act, to release information held by public authorities, there are exemptions to protect individuals' privacy and ensure compliance with data protection laws. The FOIA does not override data protection legislation if releasing information could lead to the identification of an individual directly or indirectly, thereby breaching their privacy rights.*

*Freedom of Information Request # 2 -*

*Since 2020, how many Unaccompanied Asylum Seeking Children (those under the age of 18) have been expelled and/or suspended from schools across the area due to poor behaviour – assaults, disruptive in class etc.*

*Suffolk County Council (SCC) can confirm that this information is held however, it is being withheld under s.12 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA.) s.12 allows a public authority to refuse a request where it is estimated that complying with it would exceed the appropriate limit (£450 calculated at 18 hours of staff time charged at £25 per hour.)*

Whilst SCC can confirm that we do hold the information you have requested, it is held over multiple different datasets and would involve manual cross-referencing of these in order to locate and extract the relevant information.

We have tried to identify a way in which this part of your request could be made manageable however, we have been unable to identify a way in which it could be narrowed down and still provide you with meaningful information.