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**Derry City & Strabane**  
District Council

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Ref: FOI / 977

06 December 2016

Mr  
Mail on Sunday

Email: @mailonsunday.co.uk

Dear Mr

## **Freedom of Information Act 2000 Request Unaccompanied Asylum Seeking Children**

I refer to your FOI request as above. Please note that Derry City and Strabane District Council was formed under the Local Government Act (Northern Ireland) 2014 effective 1 April 2015 following a Review of Public Administration and replaces the former councils of Derry City Council and Strabane District Council. Requests made to the legacy councils since 1 April 2015 are being handled by Derry City and Strabane District Council and duplicate requests made to the legacy councils are being treated as one request.

I can advise that councils in Northern Ireland have no responsibilities in respect of unaccompanied asylum seeking children, however from Council's perspective/knowledge no unaccompanied asylum seeking children have been resettled in the Derry City and Strabane District Council area in the last 5years. I would suggest you contact the Department for Communities who may have further information. Contact details as follows:

- Department for Communities  
Lighthouse Building  
1 Cromac Place  
Gasworks Business Park  
Ormeau Road  
BELFAST BT7 2JB Telephone: 028 9082 9000 Email: [homepage@dndi.gov.uk](mailto:homepage@dndi.gov.uk)



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For further guidance on the [role of local authorities](#) within Northern Ireland and other statutory partners please refer to Northern Ireland's one stop government portal: [NIDirect](#).

If you are dissatisfied with our response you have rights of review and appeal; these rights consist of two review processes.

Firstly our internal review procedure is available by contacting:

John Kelpie  
Chief Executive  
Derry City and Strabane District Council  
98 Strand Road  
Derry BT48 7NN  
Tel 028 71253253 or email [john.kelpie@derrystrabane.com](mailto:john.kelpie@derrystrabane.com)

Secondly, you can appeal directly by contacting the Information Commissioner at:

Information Commissioner  
Wycliffe House  
Water Lane  
Wilmslow  
CHESHIRE SK9 5AF  
Tel: 0303 123 1113 (local rate) or email: [casework@ico.org.uk](mailto:casework@ico.org.uk)

Yours sincerely

**Lead Democratic Services and Improvement Officer**



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