Further to your information request FOI64139 please find your questions and our responses below:

1. Support provided pursuant to your powers under section 17 Children Act 1989 (“CA 1989”) Accommodation support

a) Please state how many have families subject to immigration control you have provided accommodation for in the past 2 years (giving a break-down per year) pursuant to your duties under Section 17 because they had insufficient income to meet their needs;

b) Please provide details of how much the Council has spent on accommodation for such families in the past 2 years (giving a breakdown per year). Specifically, please state the average cost per family (i.e. the weekly or monthly rent) with 1 child, 2 children, 3 children and 4 children;

c) Please give a break-down of the type of accommodation provided i.e. bed-and-breakfast; accommodation rented from private landlords; social housing etc.; Financial support

d) Please state how many families subject to immigration control you have provided financial support to in the past 2 years (giving a break-down per year) pursuant to your duties under Section 17 of the Children Act 1989 because they had insufficient income to meet their needs;

e) Please state the total amount that has been provided by way of financial support in the past 2 years (with a break down per year);

f) Please state the average amount of financial support that is provided per adult and per child for a family in this situation;

g) Please provide details of the criteria that determines the level of financial support that is provided;

Response: I have been advised we have a Nil return for the questions above.

2. Policies and other documents

h) Please provide us with copies of any policies, reports, guidance, briefings, minutes, protocols or any other written material in relation to the Council’s response to families who are destitute/unable to support themselves as a result of their immigration status;

i) If not already included in (h) above, please provide copies of any written material that is relied upon to calculate what support is provided i.e. when will support be provided; when will it be denied; what accommodation can be provided; how the level of subsistence paid is to be calculated;
j) If not already included in (h) above, please give details of any specific policies, guidance, protocols or other written material that details responses to families who could (or may) be able to claim s4 support;

Response: The answer to these questions above is Nil because we do not have specific policies for these.

3. Information held by the Council We should be grateful if you could indicate whether the Council holds statistics relating to the following. Please note that we are not requesting access to this material, we simply wish to learn whether or not the following information is information the Council holds in a readily accessible form.

- How many child in need assessments have been undertaken, and the reasons they were undertaken;
- The average time between receiving a referral and undertaking an initial child in need assessment;
- How many children have been removed from their parents care and the reasons for removal;
- The reasons why s17 support is terminated;
- Whether you have assisted families to return to their country of origin;
- Support given (or refused) to families who may be eligible for or receiving s4 asylum support;
- How much the Council spends on supporting families in this situation and future projected spend.

Response: For the questions above our response would again be Nil as we have concluded that the question is in relation to families with this immigration profile. All social care assessments are recorded in client database PARIS, and LA meets CIN census requirements, having reviewed the assessments completed during this time period, there was not a family with this specific immigration profile in RBWM.

This concludes your request FOI64139.

If you require translation of the information you have been sent please do not hesitate the contact us.

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