

**1. Does your force have a method of recording whether or not a missing person has settled immigration status and/or is an asylum seeker?**

Our missing persons database does allow a user to select a debrief option that shows a missing person to be an asylum seeker, however, this is not a mandatory feature.

**2. Does your force have a formal policy in place in relation to how missing persons who do not have settled immigration status are recorded on the Police National Computer, or on your force missing person database, upon reaching the age of 18 (for example, where an unaccompanied asylum seeking child is reported at the age of 16, and they are still missing when turn 18. Does their "status" change, and if so how?)  
yes / no / I'm not sure;**

- a. If the answer to question 2 is yes, please disclose the name of the policy and outline how long it has been in force;
- b. Please provide us with a copy of the policy;

No

**3. If the answer to questions 2 is no, please explain what most often happens when a missing person who does not have settled immigration status turns 18, including how they are recorded on the Police National Computer or on your force missing persons database.**

There is no change; they remain wanted/missing on PNC and our missing persons database.

**4. Please could you tell us:**

- a. The number of unaccompanied asylum seeking children who were reported missing in your force area in 2018/19
- b. Since the start of 2016/17, the total number of unaccompanied asylum seeking children who were missing at the time they turned 18
- c. How many of the children included in question (b) had their case closed or changed to an immigration enquiry at the age of 18 while still missing

This information is exempt by virtue of Section 12(1). Please see covering letter for further details.

**5. Please provide any further relevant information about your force's policy or practice in relation to missing children who do not have settled immigration status turning 18.**

Policy and guidance does not relate specifically to children who do not have settled immigration status when turning 18 years of age. Policy and guidance provides advice in relation to wider issues relating to trafficking and child protection matters rather than mandated actions in such cases.