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Asylum Seekers

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Information Request

Please confirm whether your council has volunteered to take in asylum seekers and send me the number of asylum seekers that your council has accommodated since January 1st 2018.

Please also provide the amount of money that your council has spent on accommodating asylum seekers during this time period.

Response by Lewes District Council

Asylum seekers are accommodated in dispersal areas under the Home Office's COMPASS contract. In the South East, this is managed by Ready Homes Ltd and dispersal areas are Hastings, Portsmouth and Southampton.

Local authority accommodation is not used and Ready Homes Ltd source all accommodation from the private rented sector, therefore asylum seekers awaiting a decision on their case from the Home Office are not accommodated by the local authority and it follows that no accommodation costs are incurred.