



Further to your information request FOI/EIR 25/26-213, please find your question and our response below.

Request:

Consistent with the Freedom of Information Act, please can you provide me with the following information in PDF format:

1. Detailed breakdown of all goods, services, discounts, and benefits provided by the council to illegal migrants, adult asylum seekers, unaccompanied minor asylum seekers, and people granted asylum in each year since 2020.
2. Figures (where applicable) for how much money was spent by the council on each item in each year since 2020.
3. Figures (where applicable) for how many recipients received these items in each year since 2020, broken down by nationality.

Response:

Case 1) 1x person, approached as a DA case on a spousal visa, NRPF – sign posted to apply for DA visa, asylum granted then Homeless application taken and added to housing register. After offer of SH furniture voucher issued by Cambridge Aid £150, CLAS application for a cooker £378, support with continuing DA and assisted to report to the police, supported to move again to safe accommodation, first month's rent paid from DA fund £600, Household Support grant issued from County Council £110. 2x foodbank vouchers. Worked with case between November 2022 – January 2025 - Turkish

Case 2) 1x person with Refugee status – homeless application after eviction notice, added to housing register, supported to find private rent. Sponsored children and wife (3x people) arrived June 2025, homeless application, added to housing register, offered SH. Government funding = first month rent paid £618, cooker £349, children's beds and mattresses and bedding £273. Supported to apply for UC, school places, child benefit. Worked with case between January 2024 – ongoing. - Egyptian

Case 3) 2x people, Initial T5 visa, applied for Asylum – awaiting decision (as per July 2025). Supported to access Migrant help and establish their rights and e-visa issues, complete forms, signposted them to potential employment opportunities, food bank vouchers issued x 5. Worked with case between May 2025 – July 2025 – Dungan/Chechen (Kazakhstan)

Case 4) 1x person supported with to complete a visa application (UPE). One off appointment August 2025. – Ukrainian

Case 5) 1x person had been refused asylum, signposted to appeal decision, advised to find a higher-level immigration advisor. One off appointment August 2025 – Somalian

This concludes your request FOI/EIR 25/26-213.

If information has been refused, please treat this as a Refusal Notice for the purposes of the Act.

If you disagree with our decision or are otherwise unhappy with how we have dealt with your request in the first instance you may approach foi@eastcambs.gov.uk and request a review. A request for review must be made in no more than 40 working days from the date of this email.

Should you remain dissatisfied with the outcome you have a right under s50 of the Freedom of Information Act to appeal against the decision by contacting the Information Commissioner, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow SK9 5AF.