

**Reference Number:** FOI-101004513402

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**Request and response:**

**Assessments of, and the provision of support to, families with No Recourse to Public Funds (“NRPF”) seeking access to support under section 17 of the Children Act 1989.**

**Contact details**

- 1. Does your local authority have a separate team dealing with requests for support under section 17 Children Act 1989, for example an ‘NRPF team’**

No

- 2. If yes, please provide contact details for this team (telephone and email)**

Not applicable

- 3. If no, please confirm where referrals for such support should be directed to and the contact details (telephone and email)**

MARU/Early Help Hub  
MARU – 0300 123 1116  
Early help hub - 01872 322277

- 4. Please also provide contact details for the relevant legal team supporting children’s services or dedicated NRPF team**

[legalsocialcareinbox@cornwall.gov.uk](mailto:legalsocialcareinbox@cornwall.gov.uk)

tel: 01872 322305



## Policies

- 5. Do you have any guidance or policy documents or other such written material in respect of undertaking assessments and providing support pursuant to section 17 of the Children Act 1989 to families with no recourse to public funds (including documents specific to this issue, or of more general application but covering this issue)?**

Yes

- 6. If yes, please provide us with a copy.**

[https://cornwallchservices.proceduresonline.com/chapters/p\\_no\\_recourse\\_public.htm](https://cornwallchservices.proceduresonline.com/chapters/p_no_recourse_public.htm)  
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## Subsistence

- 7. Do you pay a set rate of financial subsistence to families with no recourse to public funds?**

No

- 8. If yes, what is paid?**

Not applicable

- 9. How has that figure been reached? E.g. is it by reference to Child Benefit rates, asylum support (section 4 or section 95 rates)?**

Not applicable

- 10. When was this level set?**

Not applicable

- 11. Who took this decision?**

Not applicable

**12. Please provide copies of any reports, minutes, decision documents detailing the setting of this rate.**

Not applicable

**13. If you do not pay a set rate of financial subsistence to families with no recourse to public funds,**

**a) do you have any guidelines relating to rates of financial support?**

Commensurate to need as assessment under s17 Children Act 1989

**b) If yes, please provide a copy.**

Not applicable

#### **Statistical information**

**15. How many assessments were undertaken by the NRPF team in 2018?**

Not applicable

**16. In how many of these cases was accommodation and/or subsistence support given?**

Not applicable

**Information provided by:** Together for Families

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