

## Home Office Border Force Removals Casework pupil data access tracker

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31 October 2016 Home Office FOI – 41221 [\[link\]](#)

15 December 2016 DfE FOI - [\[link\]](#)

2 April 2017 DfE FOI - [\[link\]](#)

One request was made in October 2013, for name, address and school details for 341 pupils from the National Pupil Database (NPD) where a match could be found from a list of pupils identified on the Home Office Absconder database.

Frequent requests are made for groups of individuals in the NPD and the DfE provides more detailed name, home address and school details to the Border Force Removals Casework Team. The MOU was in place since July 2015. The table shows information available from 2016 onwards.

**These numbers cover both monthly and ad-hoc requests. The Home Office sends the DfE the following fields names. and the DfE returns those for whom they find a match.**

Date	Requested from HO	DfE supplied match and additional details
Jan 2016	23	not published
Feb 2016	60	not published
March 2016	97	not published
April 2016	507	not published
May 2016	326	not published
June 2016	407	not published
July 2016	498	not published
August 2016	233	not published
September 2016	242	65
October 2016	84	22
November 2016	158	42
December 2016	114	22
January 2017	80	27
February 2017	74	26
March 2017	176	37
April 2017		
May 2017		
June 2017		

**For all Home Office requests, the following field names are used in the algorithm:**

Surname  
PreferredSurname  
FormerSurname  
Forename  
Middlenames  
DOB  
Postcode

**The Department then returns the following field names to the Home Office:**

AcademicYear  
CensusTerm  
CensusDate  
PersonID (as supplied by Home Office)  
Surname  
Forename  
Middlenames  
FormerSurname  
PreferredSurname  
DOB  
Address  
Postcode  
LAEstab  
URN  
schoolname  
schoolpostcode  
entrydate  
leaving date

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## **Summary status**

Monthly data sharing of pupil data between the DfE and Home Office continues.

The DfE has declined to provide a copy of a machine generated audit trail log report of each and every use of that database effective March 31, 2017. We want to see information on all operations and queries run such as but not exclusively, chronological dates and times of use, include all human and machine (manual, ad hoc and scheduled) interactions, field name level returns.

We want to know if the nationality data that is now stored in the 'i-store' outside the National Pupil Database are being used for the Home Office Border Force Removals Casework Team. A comparison of monthly request dates and database use is therefore desirable.

What additional safeguarding risks are children now at, off the radar, out of education and public health, thanks solely to this hostile environment policy?

We will request the numbers on a quarterly basis until the numbers are published transparently by the Department for Education in a reasonable timeframe.