

12 March 2020

Dear [REDACTED]

Request for information: RFI-2020-0219

Your request for information has now been considered. The information held by the Council relevant to your request is set out below:

1. The total number of European nationals living within the jurisdiction of the council (ie the total number of EU nationals that the council is aware of in their area) and how this number was arrived at.

Nomis Official Labour Market Statistics uses the census (2011) to classify usual residents in England and Wales by country of birth. This information is publically available from <https://www.nomisweb.co.uk/census/2011/qs203ew> - the area of Newark and Sherwood can be selected. In 2011 there were 2,900 persons from "EU Countries: Total" within the district "all categories" population figure of 114,817.

The Government is also publishing statistics relating to applications made to the EU Settlement Scheme by local authority area – along with guidelines for use. Information is available from <https://www.gov.uk/government/statistics/eu-settlement-scheme-quarterly-statistics-september-2019>

2. A copy of all council communications targeting EU nationals specifically since 2016 (including social media ads or posts targeting the EU population)
Information about EU Exit may be found on the Council website at <https://www.newark-sherwooddc.gov.uk/communityandliving/euexit/>

Social media posts have not been categorised as "targeting EU nationals", but some social media posts relating to EU Exit have included:

5 October 2019 <https://twitter.com/ukhomeoffice/status/1180377078715142145>

27 September 2019 <https://twitter.com/Rushcliffe/status/1177464777154514945>

8 May 2019 <https://twitter.com/D2N2GrowthHub/status/1126019049673113600>

13 March 2019 <https://twitter.com/NSDCouncil/status/1105838466263326720>

3. Has the council written to European nationals in its area to inform them of their rights and options following Brexit? If yes, how many times? Please provide the letters.

No, the Council has not written a letter to European nationals.

4. What, if any, preparation has the council undertaken as regards European nationals within their area and the implementation of Brexit? Is there a communication strategy for EU nationals informing them of the impact of Brexit? If yes, please provide me with a copy.

Newark and Sherwood District Council is entering into an agreement with Sherwood and Newark Citizens Advice to provide support services for EU nationals that will include:

- **A number of drop-in services across Newark & Sherwood for EU nationals**
- **The delivery of EUSS information events to employers**
- **Promotion of the EU service offered by Newark & Sherwood Citizens Advice**
- **Newark and Sherwood Citizens Advice advisers trained to OISC level 1**
- **Training for staff relating to enquiries regarding the EUSS.**

There is not a communication strategy for EU nationals informing them of the impact of Brexit in addition to the above.

5. Will the council be informing EU nationals that they can vote in the upcoming local elections? How?

All EU citizens who are registered, are entitled to vote in local elections and should receive a poll or postal poll card (this the same as for all electors who are eligible).

This request has been handled under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

If you have any further queries or concerns about the information provided please do not hesitate to contact us. If we do not hear from you within 40 days, starting the day after the date of this letter, we will consider the request closed.

If following our response to your query you are still dissatisfied you have the right to request an internal review. This will be conducted by a member of the Senior Leadership Team who has not been involved with the request or complaint until this point. Should you wish to proceed to this stage please advise us quoting the reference number at the top of this page.

Should you be dissatisfied with the outcome of any internal review to the Council you have a further right of appeal to the Information Commissioner's Office, details of which can be found on the Information Commissioner's website www.ico.org.uk/

More details of this complaints process are available to view on our website at the following link: www.newark-sherwooddc.gov.uk/yourcouncil/makingarequestforinformation/accesstoinformation-complaintsprocedure/

Yours sincerely

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