

**Request for information under the Freedom of Information Act Reference 2021.809**  
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Thank you for your email dated 4 May 2021 requesting information regarding utilising Napier Barracks as an asylum reception centre.

Please find detailed below a summary of your original request together with our response.

***Original request:***

***I am writing to make a request for information concerning Napier Barracks asylum accommodation under the Freedom of Information Act.***

***It would be helpful to receive communications in September 2020 between Kent Community Health NHS Trust and the Home Office with regards to plans by the Home Office to utilise Napier Barracks as an asylum reception centre.***

***In particular, communications focused on the involvement of key stakeholders and partners estimated to be required for the delivery of services, support and assistance to the asylum seekers at the site. In addition, communications focused on the preparations for the arrangement of local services and specialist services anticipated to be necessary to support and assist asylum seekers located there. Lastly, all correspondence relating to discussions focused on multi-agency planning around setting up effective services and communications.***

Kent Community Health NHS Foundation Trust has received no communications from the Home Office relating to the plans to utilise Napier Barracks as an asylum reception centre. Neither has the Trust been involved in any conversations, written or verbal in relation to the provision of services specifically for the asylum seekers at that site.

Chairman John Goulston Chief Executive Paul Bentley

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