

6. I received many responses stating how supportive other Councils were of the efforts of Nottinghamshire. Without exception, they made clear that they saw the issue as being the responsibility of central Government since it was Government policy that sent the children away. Only two local authorities contributed towards a total of £3,500.
7. The assistance of Nottinghamshire County Council was therefore crucial to the Child Migrants Trust, especially in the early days. The funding helped get the Trust established and supported its work with abuse, including sexual abuse. Besides Margaret Humphreys' secondment, some of the Council's key contributions are described below.
  - i. In July 1993, the BBC refused to provide telephone helplines after the screening of the television mini-series "The Leaving of Liverpool." Members of the Council were appalled and immediately offered to fund all the helplines, using the bunker underneath County Hall. Sadly, the BBC initially refused to screen the helpline number at the end of the programme. Following questions in the House of Commons, the BBC finally agreed to display the helpline number less than 48 hours before the screening. Over 10,000 calls to the helpline were logged over a 5 day period.
  - ii. At the instigation of the CMT, an All Party Parliamentary Group into Child Migration was established in 1995 with Nottinghamshire paying all costs involved in dealing with correspondence, travel, etc. as I acted as correspondence Secretary to that group. I would like to take the opportunity to thank Vernon Coaker, a local MP, for the help he gave as Chair of that Group.
  - iii. Empty Cradles, Margaret Humphreys' book, received two launches in 1993, one at County Hall, Nottinghamshire and another in Parliament. Once again Nottinghamshire County Council footed the bill.
  - iv. In 1998, the UK Health Select Committee held its investigation into the welfare of former child migrants, under the chairmanship of David Hinchliffe, MP. It was considered essential for a small group of former child migrants to travel to London to give evidence. Once again, the contribution of Nottinghamshire County Council to pay the necessary air fares and other costs enabled this to happen.
8. The HSC report also stated "*The Government should make available sufficient funds for the Trust to be able to offer a comprehensive service to any former Child Migrant who requires it*" (para. 109). However, due to continued inadequate funding