

Response to Request for Information

Reference FOI 000687

Date 12 December 2016

Temporary Accommodation and PRS Rehousing

Request:

Please provide me with the following information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, in Excel format where possible:

In respect of your questions below, it has been established after careful consideration that the City of Wolverhampton Council does not hold the above information as we do not place statutorily homeless households into temporary accommodation in any other local authority areas other than Wolverhampton. Consequently, we are unable to provide information relating to any other local authorities, and are informing you as required by Section 1(1) (a) of the Act, that states:

"Any person making a request for information to a public authority is entitled to be informed in writing by the public authority whether it holds information of the description specified in the request".

Temporary accommodation placements

- 1. (i) The names of all local authority areas in which you have placed statutorily homeless households into temporary accommodation;
 - (ii) the number of households, broken down by LA area, placed in
 - (a) 2013/14 =
 - (b) 2014/15 =
 - (c) 2015/16 =
 - (d) 2016/17 to 30 November =
- 2. Details of any temporary accommodation leased (as opposed to spotpurchased) by your council in other local authority areas since April 2013. How many units have been leased, from whom, from what date, for how long and at what cost?

Private rented sector discharges of duty

3. (i) The names of all local authority areas into which you have discharged homelessness duty via a private rented tenancy offer under Section 193 7AA 7AC of the 1996 Housing Act as amended by s.148 (5)-(7) Localism Act 2011;

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- (ii) the number of households, broken down by LA area, who received an offer in
 - (a) 2013/14 =
 - (b) 2014/15 =
 - (c) 2015/16 =
 - (d) 2016/17 to 30 November =
- (iii) the number of households, broken down by LA area, who declined an offer in
 - (a) 2013/14 =
 - (b) 2014/15 =
 - (c) 2015/16 =
 - (d) 2016/17 to 30 November =
- 4. (i) The names of any local authority areas into which you have discharged homelessness duty by way of a private rented tenancy, but **not** via a Section 193 7AA-7AC offer (so excluding the numbers in Q3);
 - (ii) the number of households, broken down by LA area, rehoused in this way during
 - (a) 2013/14
 - (b) 2014/15
 - (c) 2015/16
 - (d) 2016/17 to 30 November.

Out-of-area financial assistance and homelessness prevention

- 5. (i) The names of all local authority areas to which you have supported residents who were **not** owed a main homelessness duty to move;
 - (ii) the number of households, broken down by LA area, supported in
 - (a) 2013/14
 - (b) 2014/15
 - (c) 2015/16
 - (d) 2016/17 to 30 November.

(The term "supported" refers to assistance with deposits or other rental costs; house removals arrangements; and council tax payments, as well as any other support your council offers to residents to move out of the local authority area.)

- 6. The amount your local authority spent on providing support as defined in Q5 in
 - (a) 2013/14

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- (b) 2014/15
- (c) 2015/16
- (d) 2016/17 to 30 November.
- 7. For each of the years (a) 2013/14 (b) 2014/15 (c) 2015/16 (d) 2016/17 to 30 November, what proportion of the people supported to move as per Q5 had, or would have, seen their income reduced because of:
 - (i) the overall benefit cap
 - (ii) the 'bedroom tax' and
 - (iii) other welfare reforms?