

## Response to Request for Information

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### *Temporary Accommodation*

**Request:**

I am writing to make a request under the Freedom of Information Act (2000).

1. I am interested in obtaining information about the amount of money that the local authority spends providing people with temporary accommodation. I am especially interested to see the financial implications of the council providing people with hotel or hostel accommodation.

Subsequently, I would be grateful if you could provide the following information:

- a) The number of people being provided with temporary accommodation by the council and, of these,
  - i. how many are being housed in hotel accommodation, and
  - ii. how many are being housed in hostel accommodation.

[Response \(April to December 2016 statistics used for this outcome\)](#)

- i) 113 clients
- ii) not available yet

- b) The overall amount of money spent by the local authority in providing temporary accommodation and a further specification clarifying how much is spent on providing accommodation in

- i) Hotels (Bed and Breakfast Accommodation)

2009/2010	£204,837.93
2010/2011	£289,100.48
2011/2012	£209,535.89
2012/2013	£244,512.97
2013/2014	£201,971.89
2014/2015	£198,021.06
2015/2016	£115,934.80
2016/2017	Information currently not held

- ii. Hostels (Temporary Accommodation – Schemes)

2009/2010	£364,260.31
2010/2011	£674,742.44
2011/2012	£707,160.91
2012/2013	£793,666.38
2013/2014	£787,452.30

2014/2015	£602,026.33
2015/2016	£724,654.74
2016/2017	Information currently not held

As much as is possible, I would appreciate data to be provided for each month, for as far back as records are available/practical to deliver.

2. I am also interested in obtaining information about the way in which the local authority provide people with temporary accommodation. Specifically, I am particularly interested in the length of time that such people spend in temporary accommodation and the type of accommodation that they are provided with.

Subsequently, I would be grateful if you could provide the following information:

- a) A breakdown of the number of people staying in council provided temporary accommodation because
- they made a homelessness application, or
  - the council is yet to offer the individual a permanent tenancy through the waiting list.

Our yearly reports for temporary accommodation only report on the actual length of stay and numbers in either our B & B or our schemes regardless of whether a homeless application is taken or not and so these figures reflect their cumulative stay in temp.

The actual total takes into account people who have transferred between B & B and the schemes thus giving the total overall numbers of stays.

2009/2010	Scheme (165)	B & B (275)	Actual Total (422)
2010/2011	Scheme (230)	B & B (292)	Actual Total (452)
2011/2012	Scheme (216)	B & B (243)	Actual Total (425)
2012/2013	Scheme (201)	B & B (336)	Actual Total (482)
2013/2014	Scheme (223)	B & B (239)	Actual Total (433)
2014/2015	Scheme (258)	B & B (266)	Actual Total (416)
2015/2016	Scheme (275)	B & B (195)	Actual Total (411)
2016/2017	Scheme (n/a)	B & B (n/a)	Actual Total (n/a)

- b) In cases where a homelessness application has been made, I would like to know the average length of time that an individual spend in temporary accommodation
- overall, and

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Once again the actual total takes into account people who have transferred between B & B and the schemes thus giving the total overall average number of days worked out into weeks.

2009/10	Scheme (107.23 days)	B&B (16.21 days)	Actual Total (7.49 weeks)
2010/11	Scheme (60.72 days)	B&B (21.33 days)	Actual Total (6.38 weeks)
2011/12	Scheme (75.69 days)	B&B (24.66 days)	Actual Total (7.51 weeks)
2012/13	Scheme (73.31 days)	B&B (17.98 days)	Actual Total (6.15 weeks)
2013/14	Scheme (76.50 days)	B&B (18.64 days)	Actual Total (7.09 weeks)
2014/15	Scheme (75.82 days)	B&B (15.82 days)	Actual Total (8.16 weeks)
2015/16	Scheme (71.42 days)	B&B (13.62 days)	Actual Total (7.74 weeks)
2016/17	Scheme (n/a)	B&B (n/a)	Actual Total (n/a)

- ii. whilst their application is being processed and the council has yet to assess whether they have a responsibility to house the individual.

We can only respond on the decision times for all homeless applicants, who may have been housed in temporary accommodation or homeless at home accommodation:

2009/2010	19.49 days average
2010/2011	20.09 days average
2011/2012	23.64 days average
2012/2013	21.12 days average
2013/2014	26.21 days average
2014/2015	21.99 days average
2015/2016	24.70 days average
2016/2017	16.97 days average approx

- c) The average time an individual will spend in temporary accommodation whilst they are on the council's waiting list for a permanent tenancy.  
[See above.](#)
- d) The number of people in temporary accommodation being housed in
  - i. a hotel, and
  - ii. a hostel.[See above.](#)

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