

Response to Request for Information

Reference FOI 001546
Date 2 October 2017

Emergency Accommodation

Request:

Under the Freedom of Information Act can I ask for the following information:

1. What is the total number of households the council is currently providing emergency (B&B / Guesthouse) accommodation for?
[As of 4 October 2017, City of Wolverhampton Council provided 0 households.](#)
2. How many households requiring emergency (B&B/ Guesthouse) accommodation are currently being provided this accommodation outside of the council's boundaries? And what is the furthest place someone is being housed. Can I have the place name and the distance in miles please?
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3. For the years, 2011-2017 (to date) what is the total spend by the authority for providing emergency (B&B/Guesthouse) accommodation?

	2011/12	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Gross Expenditure	209,536	244,513	201,972	198,021	116,122	59,988	33,590
Income	<u>-113,838</u>	<u>-143,368</u>	<u>-92,625</u>	<u>-99,548</u>	<u>-69,841</u>	<u>-33,833</u>	<u>-7,388</u>
Net Expenditure	<u>95,698</u>	<u>101,145</u>	<u>109,347</u>	<u>98,473</u>	<u>46,281</u>	<u>26,155</u>	<u>26,202</u>

4. Could you please provide a list of companies and individuals that have received payment for providing emergency (B&B /Guesthouse) accommodation to households so far in 2017

[In response to this question, I can confirm that the Council holds this information. However, the information you have requested has been considered and is being withheld with reference to Section 38 of the Freedom of Information Act relating to Health and Safety. In respect of this exemption, the Council considers that disclosure of this information would or would likely endanger the physical or mental health of any vulnerable person.](#)

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The Council considers that disclosure to the wider world (which is how any disclosure made under the provisions of The Act must be considered) would endanger the health and safety of the vulnerable individuals who are resident in these commercial premises. As we use some very small providers it would be very easy to find out by giving the name where they are located.

In applying this exemption, the Council considers the public interest in demonstrating openness and transparency of process against the public interest in withholding the information in ensuring the health and safety of these vulnerable people is greater than the public interest in any disclosure.