



Response to Request for Information

Reference FOI 001673
Date 08 November 2017

Number of Children in Temporary Accommodation

Request:

I am interested in the numbers of children being housed by the local authority in temporary accommodation.

In answering all these requests, please include children housed by your local authority within your borough AND in other boroughs. Please DO NOT include children housed by other local authorities within your borough.

Please do not include households where a woman is pregnant but does not yet have dependent children. If it is not possible to separate these cases, please indicate that they have been included and quantify them if possible.

Please give figures as at November 8 (the date of this request). If this is not possible please give figures for the nearest possible date and specify what that date is.

Questions:

- (1) Please could you tell me how many children under 5 (i.e. aged 0-4) are currently housed in temporary accommodation by the local authority?
- (2) Please could you also tell me how many of these children aged 0-4 are housed in B&Bs (bed and breakfasts)?
- (3) Please could you tell me how many children of all ages are currently housed in temporary accommodation by the local authority (with the definition of children being anyone aged under 18)?

(I am aware that the information in this final question will be available for an earlier date as part of homelessness statistics published by the Department for Communities and Local Government, but as I wish to use it alongside the answer to question 1 to see what proportion of children in temporary accommodation are aged under 5, I need to have the current figure)

[In response to your request please find our response below:](#)

All responses based on all children placed as at 31st October 2017 as per monthly statistics.

- (1) 38 children aged between 0-4 years were housed in temporary accommodation by the local authority as at 31st October 2017.
- (2) 4 children aged between 0-4 years were housed in Bed and Breakfast accommodation by the local authority as at 31st October 2017.
- (3) LA temporary accommodation consisted of 136 children and Bed and Breakfast consisted of 20 children.