



## Response to Request for Information

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### ***Bed and Breakfast Population***

#### **Request:**

I am writing to request information through the Freedom of Information Act (2000) regarding the Bed & Breakfast population within your local authority. My request covers the following:

The total number of households claiming Housing Benefit from a Bed and Breakfast\*, and/or other accommodation with board and lodgings, in the following financial years (only include those not owed a statutory duty but living in a B&B i.e. NOT placed by Housing Options):

- a.      2016/2017 = 601
- b.      2017/2018 = 677

Please note we have included, as requested, all claims from households where food is provided. These figures therefore include claims from supported accommodation and boarders.

AND

The total number of households placed in Bed and Breakfast\*, and/or other accommodation with board and lodgings, through homeless placement teams in the following financial years (those owed a statutory duty and were placed in a B&B by Housing Options):

- a.      2016/2017 = 78
- b.      2017/2018 = 44

(\* We assume that these Bed and Breakfast properties are owned, and/or managed by private landlords)

If your response to the above questions is '0' please clearly explain your reasoning for this.

Please clearly indicate in your response which numbers correspond to which group of B&B residents, i.e. if they are private households living in B&B or if the household has been placed by the local authority's Housing Options team as part of homelessness. If you cannot differentiate between the two groups please indicate this in your response.