



Request

1. How many temporary accommodation is the council using as of today's date to accommodate households with at least one child under the age of two?

Response

We do not hold the information that you have requested in an easily retrievable format. Section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FoIA) relieves a public authority from the obligation to comply with a request for information where the estimated time required to locate, review and extract the information exceeds a certain threshold set out in Regulations.

The Freedom of Information and Data Protection (Appropriate Limit and Fees) Regulations 2004 (SI 2004/3244) set out the rules in relation to the cost limit (otherwise called the "appropriate limit"). These Regulations are published by the Office of Public Sector Information (OPSI) and are viewable on their web site from this link:

[appropriate limit](#)

The Regulations set out the cost limit for Government departments and for other public authorities. For local government, Regulation 3 states that the cost limit is £450 and Regulation 4(4) states that the prescribed hourly rate is £25. Regulation 4(4) further provides that where the local authority estimates the time taken to gather the information would exceed this limit (which based on the prescribed hourly rate, equates to 18 officer hours), it may refuse the request under section 12 of FoIA.

I am satisfied the cost limit applies to your request and will explain why this is the case.

There were 136 Families placed into temporary accommodation as of 5th December 2024, and 440 families placed into temporary accommodation since February 2024, total of 576 households.

In order to work out the Child ages we would need to manually interrogate each case to gain this data, which would take us over the allocated time period allowed for this request.

- Of these units, as of today's date:
 - a) How many have been assessed as having adequate space for a cot?
 - b) How many have been assessed as NOT having adequate space for a cot?
 - c) How many have not been assessed for whether or not there is space for a cot?
 - d) How many families with children aged under two at the time of placement have been placed in temporary accommodation since February 2024?

- Of these, how many families did not have their own cots and what provisions was the council able to make for them? (This information can be supplied as totals — for instance, X number of households had a cot provided, Y number of households were given guidance on how to obtain a cot, etc.)

- a) None formally assessed
- b) None formally assessed
- c) None formally assessed
- d) As outlined above, we are unable to provide this information within the timeframe

If a household does not have a cot or is unable to source one from the temporary accommodation, the Council will provide one, but this is not logged on the system and forms part of discussions with the family.