



We are researching the amount of money actually spent on Ukrainian refugees to date, over the nearly 3 years that Ukrainians have been arriving to us.

Please provide the following data to us under the Freedom of Information Act. As you are obliged to report much of this to MHCLG, it should be easily available.

We would like the information broken down into 4 categories - A, B, C and D - as described below. Answers can be provided after the colons, in an email response. Please only answer D if time permits, rather than rejecting the whole FoI.

A. Homes for Ukraine Tariffs received

Please provide the total H4U tariff you received to date (not including the Homelessness Prevention, host 'thank you' payments or Education grants, which are all additional): [We refer to Homes for Ukraine funding - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk) where these numbers are published up to June 2024.

£1.8m

This is on the basis of £10500 per H4U arrival up to 31 Dec 2022, and £5900 per adult H4U arrival after this date (children remained at £10500 throughout).]

Please provide the amount spent to date from the tariff received on Ukrainians: Broken down if possible by:

Total spent to date £1.2m over all expenditure categories listed below and £600k remaining unspent.

1. Council staff costs:
2. Local partner costs:
3. Temporary accommodation costs:
4. Private or social housing rent / deposits costs: If possible, please provide details of the rest of the tariff money:
5. How much is still unspent (please answer this):
6. How much was spent on other nationalities or groups:

For questions 1-4 in section A and the whole of Section C, 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: http://www.opsi.gov.uk/si/si2004/uksi_20043244_en.pdf

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.

For the costs breakdown the Council does not use these categories. At least 574 transactions on the financial system would need to be reviewed to extract the information and allocate to the categories requested. Even at only two minutes per file, this would exceed 18 hours.

For Section C, this information is not recorded in a reportable field (if at all) and thousands of social housing files would need to be reviewed to identify where Ukrainians were given funds. This would clearly exceed 18 hours.

5 £600k

6 Nil

B. Homelessness Prevention Grant Figures received by you are published here: £109 million Homelessness Prevention Grant 2023-24 top-up local authority allocations (England only) - GOV.UK

However, in some cases, there are multiple lower tier authorities each in receipt of monies. In this case, if you are not able to collate the information from your lower tier authorities in time, please skip this.

Please provide the total amount received in 2023 / 2024 under this grant to your authority as a whole: Please provide figures of the money received under this specific grant that has been spent on Ukrainian refugees to prevent them from becoming homeless: Please break this down if possible by:

We are unable to provide this information as the Homes for Ukraine element of the HPG is not accounted for separately. However, all of the HPG grant was spent in full, and therefore the HfU element as part of it.

1. Amount spent on private rented or social housing which is irrecoverable (e.g. First month's rent paid):
2. Amount spent on private rented or social housing which is recoverable (e.g. Deposits or Guarantor schemes):
3. Amount spent on temporary accommodation: If possible, please provide details of the rest of the money:
4. How much is still unspent:
5. How much was spent on other nationalities or groups:

C. Numbers of Ukrainians funded into accommodation by the council Regardless of whether money came from the H4U tariff or the Homelessness Prevention Grant.

Please provide the following:

1. Indication of absolute number of Ukrainians who were given council funds or guarantees to move into private rented accommodation or social housing, vs all Ukrainians arriving in the borough.
2. Indication of absolute number of Ukrainians who were given temporary accommodation

[See response in Section A](#)

D. Education grant (please skip this if time does not permit)

1. Total funding received according to:
Homes for Ukraine education and
childcare grant conditions of funding -
GOV.UK
2. Please provide the total grant received
here to date:
3. Please provide the total funding spent so
far from this grant on Ukrainian refugees
4. Please provide the total funding spent so
far from this grant on non-Ukrainians:

Time does not permit extracting and collation of
this information.