

Request

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, please can you provide me with information on households put at risk of homelessness.

- The number of households where someone is in receipt of the state pension who have been put at risk of homelessness in your local authority due to a Section 21 notice in each of the financial years since 2018/19
- The number of households where someone is in receipt of the state pension who have been put at risk of homelessness in your local authority in each of the financial years since 2018/19
- The number of households where there where someone is aged under 18 who have been put at risk of homelessness in your local authority due to a Section 21 notice in each of the financial years since 2018/19
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- The number of households where there where someone is registered as a carer who have been put at risk of homelessness in your local authority due to a Section 21 notice in each of the financial years since 2018/19
- The number of households where there where someone is registered as a carer who have been put at risk of homelessness in your local authority in each of the financial years since 2018/19

Response

1.	2019-2020 = 7 2020-2021=3 2021-2022= 9 2022-2023=21 2023-2024=24	3.	2019-2020 = 40 2020-2021=29 2021-2022=120 2022-2023=230 2023-2024=326
2.	2019-2020=14 2020-2021=12 2021-2022=19 2022 -2023 = 21 2023-2024=45	4.	2019-2020 = 98 2020-2021=143 2021-2022=238 2022-2023=372 2023-2024=201

5 and 6

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.

5 & 6. We do not hold this information on our system, to obtain this detail, we would have to manually audit 1538 cases by reading file notes which would exceed the time spent on the return, if we spent 15 minutes on each case, that would be approx. 384 hours.

We are also only able to provide information from 1st April 2019, as a new system was introduced at that time, we do not hold information predating this date.