



REQUEST 17650

I am writing to request information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 regarding your council's expenditure on temporary accommodation for homeless individuals and families. Please can you provide the following information:

1. The total amount spent by the council on temporary accommodation in each of the last five financial years (2019/20 to 2023/24).
2. A breakdown of this spending, specifically:
 - The amount spent on B&Bs and hotels as temporary accommodation in each of the last five financial years.
 - The number of households placed in B&Bs/hotels each year.
3. The longest continuous period any household has spent in B&B/hotel accommodation in the last 12 months.
4. The average length of stay in B&B/hotel accommodation for homeless households in the last 12 months.

I would also like to request information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 regarding the condition of council housing in your local authority. Please can you provide the following information:

5. The total number of council-owned homes managed by the local authority currently classified as not fit for human habitation under the Housing Act 2004 or deemed non-decent under the Decent Homes Standard.
6. A breakdown of the reasons why these homes have been classified as unfit (e.g., damp/mould, structural issues, electrical hazards, lack of heating, etc.).
7. The number of complaints from tenants about poor housing conditions received by the council in each of the last five financial years (2019/20 to 2023/24).
8. The amount spent on repairs and maintenance of council homes in each of the last five financial years.

RESPONSE

1.

2019 – 2020 = £457,852.81

2020 – 2021 = £2,119,948.59

2021 – 2022 = £2,512,077.93

2022 – 2023 = £4,244,228.14

2023 – 2024 = £5,623,466

2.

a. B&Bs/Hotel spend within total figure listed in Q1.

2019 – 2020 = £138,760.36

2020 – 2021 = £1,624,612.81

2021 – 2022 = £1,448,393.34

2022 – 2023 = £3,311,876.35

2023 – 2024 = £3,984,627

b. 2019 – 2020 = 122

2020 – 2021 = 533

2021 – 2022 = 499

2022 – 2023 = 461

2023 – 2024 = 490

3. 309

4. 35 days.

5. Total number of Council Owned homes not fit for human habitation = Zero.

6. Zero homes classed as unfit for habitation, as per Q5 above.

7. The number of complaints from tenants about poor housing conditions received by the council in each of the last five financial years (2019/20 to 2023/24).

Financial Year	Number of Poor Housing Condition Complaints
2019-2020	4
2020-2021	3
2021-2022	12
2022-2023	52
2023-2024	58
Total	170

Caveat: We do not categorise complaints in the exact way requested by the FOI, so we have to text mine on the following in order to produce the above results.

“Poor condition”

“Bad condition”

“Disrepair”

There may be additional results however we wanted to try and stay as close to the original FOI request as possible.

8. This is the cost of undertaking programmed and day to day responsive repairs to the properties within the HRA.

2019/2020: 26,896,000
2020/2021: 21,785,000
2021/2022: 32,210,000
2022/2023: 29,946,000
2023/2024: 33,468,000