

**Request:**

I understand that Wigan Council receives £3500 per bedspace for asylum seekers being offered long term accommodation in a HMO purchased by SERCO.

Please clarify if £3500 per person was also received for every asylum seeker accepted into Wigan Borough. Please do not send me the standard wording from the Home Office regarding dispersed accommodation payments, as I already have that. I wish to want to know the specific sums received per person by Wigan Council.

**Response:**

Wigan Council receive 2 payments from the Home Office:

- 1) £750 for every asylum seeker residing in the Borough as of April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023. This covers those living in dispersed accommodation and in contingency hotel accommodation on this date.
- 2) £3,500 for every additional long term bed space created in the Borough since April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023. This relates to dispersed accommodation only and not hotel accommodation. This will be a reducing amount due to there currently being a halt on all new procurement of dispersed accommodation after the Home Office was successfully challenged by the Council.
- 3) Therefore £3,500 per person was not received for every asylum seeker.