

Request

1. In the last financial year (2023/24) please state the largest single nightly rate you paid a hotel for an individual or a family to be housed temporarily in B&B accommodation.
2. How many nights did you pay this rate for this individual or family?
3. Please provide the name and address of this hotel or B&B.
4. In the 2023/24 financial year how many individuals or families did you fund for the entire period to live in temporary B&B/hotel accommodation?
5. For each of these individuals/families what was the total cost to the council of providing them with this temporary accommodation for the entire financial year?

Response

1. £500 - Rate high due to a high-profile event that took place locally which significantly increased the rates for this specific night.
2. One night
3. The names and addresses of the hotel is exempt from disclosure under Section 38 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FoIA). Section 38 (i)(b) states that information is exempt information if its disclosure under this Act would, or would be likely to, endanger the safety of any individual. Disclosure under the FoIA is deemed to be to the world at large. To disclose the full name and address of hotels to the world at large would put at risk the safety of vulnerable individuals.

As this a qualified exemption, the Council is required to undertake a public interest test.

The Council acknowledges its obligations of transparency and accountability in all its undertakings. However, in this case, the safeguarding of vulnerable individuals would be put at risk by publishing the name and address of the hotel and clearly outweighs that. On balance, therefore the Council believes that only the information provided in the rest of this FOI can be disclosed.

4. None
5. Not Applicable