

REQUEST	16556	RESPONSE
	<p>Can you provide a breakdown of how much the council has spent on temporary accommodation in each of the last five financial years up to 2024 (2019/20-2023/24), broken down by provider.</p> <p>By provider I mean the company contracted to provide this accommodation (of any type - hotel, b and b, caravan, private rented sector etc) to the council as part of its housing duty.</p> <p>If the council has procured this accommodation from more than 5 providers in any given year, can you limit your search to the 5 companies that have received the most funding from the council.</p>	<p>Total Temporary Accommodation Spend:</p> <p>2019/20 – £457,852.81 2020/21 – £2,119,948.59 2021/22 – £2,512,077.93 2022/23 – £4,244,228.14 2023/24 – £5,623,467</p> <p>Company spend:</p> <p>2019/20 The Brick – £319,092.45 2020/21 The Brick – £495,335.78 2021/22 The Brick – £1,036,684.59 2021/22 Divrse – £26,589 2022/23 The Brick – £401,000.91 2022/23 Divrse – £531,350.88</p> <p>2023/24:</p> <p>Divrse Ltd – £1,070,467 The Brick – £404,387 Residential Lettings Limited – £97,335 Cromwood Ltd – £33,839 Sapphire Homes Group Ltd – £31,550 Airbnb * Hmq94sk4hk – £845 Campus Cribs Limited – £417</p> <p>*The names of the hotels/B&Bs are 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 names of hotels to the world at large would put at risk the safety of vulnerable individuals.</p> <p>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 names and addresses of hotels and clearly outweighs that.</p>