



Request

For your local authority area, please provide the following information regarding children (aged 0-18) currently living in temporary accommodation who have been identified as disabled:

Primary Data Request:

1. Total number of disabled children currently in temporary accommodation (or as of the most recent date for which data is available - please specify the date)

Breakdown Information (if held):

2. Disability categories - breakdown by type of disability using your authority's recording system (e.g., physical disability, learning disability, autism spectrum conditions, sensory impairments, mental health conditions, multiple disabilities)

Demographics:

- 3.1 Age ranges (e.g., 0-5, 6-11, 12-17 years)
- 3.2 Gender breakdown

Accommodation details (if recorded):

- 4.1 Types of temporary accommodation (e.g., B&B, hostels, temporary housing units)
- 4.2 Average length of stay in temporary accommodation

Historical Data:

5. Annual figures for the past 10 years (2014-2024) showing trends in numbers of disabled children in temporary accommodation, or for whatever period records are available.

Response

As at 14/07/2025 we currently have 324 children in Temporary accommodation across 168 families. (This figure is all families and children and not specifically disabled children).

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.

This would require a manual check of each household which would be 15 mins per household which would be 15 mins x 168 families = 2520 mins = 42 hours)