



I request the following:

1. The number of primary school-age children placed in temporary accommodation by the council on August 5, 2025, or at the most recently-available data point
2. The number of secondary school-age children placed in temporary accommodation by the council on August 5, 2025, or at the most recently-available data point
3. The number of primary school-age children placed in temporary accommodation which is more than two miles from their original home by the council on August 5, 2025, or at the most recently-available data point
4. The number of secondary school-age children placed in temporary accommodation which is more than three miles from their original home by the council on August 5, 2025, or at the most recently-available data point
5. The number of primary school-age children placed in temporary accommodation which is more than 1.25 miles from their school by the council on August 5, 2025, or at the most recently-available data point
6. The number of secondary school-age children placed in temporary accommodation which is more than 1.65 miles from their school by the council on August 5, 2025, or at the most recently-available data point

Data provided as at 8/8/25 -

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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.

We are unable to provide this data within the timeframes of this request, we would need to manually audit 208 placements, as within a household not all children may attend the same school. The information in relation to schools/previous address and temporary accommodation would have to be manually captured by going through each case and then calculating the distance, this would take at least 15 minutes per person, which would take 52 hours.