

Specifically, I would like to receive the following information:

Please present single financial years from 2019-2020 to 2025-2026 (data to date) in ascending order from left to right in a row, with the relevant data beneath.

Annual data, for the past six financial years, 2019 to 2025 (to date) on the number of individuals recognised as refugees who have been assessed or recorded by your authority as homeless.

For the relevant period, please provide the following information, broken down by financial year (or calendar year, if more appropriate):

1. The total number of individuals who have approached your authority seeking assistance as homeless.
2. Of those who approached your authority as homeless, how many were recognised as refugees, i.e., individuals granted refugee status or humanitarian protection with leave to remain
3. Of the homeless individuals recognised as refugees, how many were granted their refugee status and leave to remain by a different local authority.

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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](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, this would involve a manual audit of the cases we have already advised on to establish this data, 1095 households, would take 5 mins per case at 91 hours.

4. Total annual spending on homelessness for each of the past six financial years (or as many as you are able to provide within the s.12 limit). This should cover:

- a. Support provided under statutory homelessness duties;
- b. Support for individuals presenting informally or via referral who do not qualify for statutory assistance.

We are unable to split expenditure between a) and b) as costs for the service are not captured in this way. The figures reported reflect total net spend for the service.

Fin Year	Spend
19/20	699,341
20/21	2,397,126
21/22	2,621,943
22/23	4,552,597
23/24	5,936,007
24/25	4,196,709

5. Of the total homelessness spend, how much was spent on homeless individuals with refugee status

We are unable to provide this data, as spend is not categorised in this way.

	2019-2020	2020 - 2021	2021 - 2022	2022 - 2023	2023 - 2024	2024 - 2025	1st April 2025 - 31st July 2025
Q1	2066	3443	3014	3985	4153	4017	1189
Q2	96	49	77	112	322	315	124