



REQUEST 18515

I would like to ask for information about the use of hotel accommodation by your local authority for individuals you have a statutory or other duty to accommodate.

Please do not include the use of hotels for department business or staff in any capacity, for example work travel or conferences etc.

Please provide, broken down by month between January 2019 (or as far back as you can go up to that point) and the latest available month:

- The number of individuals
- The number of hotel sites used (for example, individual hotels that are part of a chain, independent hotels, B&Bs etc)
- Total amount spent
- Please also provide a broad description of the different groups of people accommodated in hotels and the reasons for using hotels

If the data is only available as households, please provide this and state clearly that this is what has been provided.

If the data is not available by individual month, please provide it by financial year (1 April to 31 March) starting from 2019-20.

RESPONSE

We don't have the data available by month and individual, but have provided the information by financial year where we hold it or as close to the request as we can.

Number of Placements at Year end in Hotel/B&B

We record the number of household placements in hotels, and the information which is provided below shows the number of placements that are in Hotels/B&Bs at year end date. *This is not an annual cumulative total but a snapshot at that period of time.

Year	No of Placements in Hotel/B&B
At 31/3/2021	64
At 31/3/2022	85
At 31/3/2023	87
At 31/3/2024	66
At 31/3/2025	31
Current Position 28/8/2025	22

Number of hotels used and total amount spent by year

Year	No of Hotels	Spend (£) per annum
2019/20	39	138,328
2020/21	25	1,613,948
2021/22	40	1,448,564
2022/23	62	3,207,116
2023/24	24	4,103,102
2024/25	11	1,433,281
2025/26	8	278,441

*The data has been provided by financial year

**2025/26 figures are included up to Period 5 (August 25).

Description of groups and reasons for using hotels

Hotels in the borough are used to provide temporary accommodation for households where the Local Authority has a homeless duty where other accommodation options are not available at that time.