

I am writing to request the following information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 in relation to damp and mould in council-owned housing stock, ahead of Awaab's Law being introduced in October 2025.

Please could you tell me:

 The total amount of money allocated by your council in the 2024/25 financial year specifically for remediation, repairs, or prevention of damp and mould issues in council-owned housing, including any budget or resource set aside in preparation for compliance with Awaab's Law. 2024/25 £927,373

2025/26 a budget of £2m has been set aside

2. The total amount spent in the previous two financial years (2022/23 and 2023/24) on remediation, repairs, or prevention of damp and mould issues in council-owned housing (the same purpose of spend as in question 1).

2022/23 £495,678 2023/24 £951,612

3. The total number of damp and mould inspections completed in 2022/23 and 2023/24.

22/23 - 14,821 overall and of those 4858 relate to D&M 23/24 - 17,714 overall and of those 5982 relate to D&M 24/25 - 14,949 overall and of those 4691 relate to D&M

4. The council's target number of damp and mould inspections for the entirety of 2024/25 financial year. If no formal target has been set, please confirm.

Assuming this should be 25/26 financial year rather than 24/25 as those figures are above. No formal target set. Based on the information we have from previous years and forecasting, we anticipate in the region of 5000-6000 D&M inspections. To date in 2025 (Apr-Aug) we have completed – 5390 inspections and 1199 of those related to D&M.

 If available, please provide a short description of how the 2024/25 budget allocation for damp and mould remediation to comply with Awaab's Law will be used (e.g. new staffing, inspections, repairs, new technology, tenant support, or other measures). Staff training, implementation of video inspections, digital offer for inspectors, education on reporting and access to remediate and completion of repairs.