



REQUEST 19238

My Freedom of Information request is as follows:
Could you please send me the following information regarding Wigan Metropolitan Borough Council's use of the Severe Weather Emergency Protocol (SWEP) during summer 2025.

1. How many times Wigan Metropolitan Borough Council's Severe Weather Emergency Protocol (SWEP) was activated between the dates 31 May 2025 and 1 September 2025, inclusive.
2. For each activation, the exact date range the SWEP was active between, inclusive (e.g. if the SWEP was activated on 10 June 2025 and ended on 14 June 2025, the date range would be 10/06/2025-14/06/2025).
3. For each activation, the reason why the SWEP was activated.
4. For each activation, a list of actions the council took to support people while the SWEP was active, including any actions that were taken to support people in social rented housing owned by the council.
5. A copy of your latest Severe Weather Emergency Protocol policy document, or a link to where a copy can be found on your website.

RESPONSE

1, 2 & 3.

We do not keep a record of the dates that SWEP has been activated and do not have the information for the dates requested.

4.
Whilst we do not record the dates, the type of offers made during any activation would be dependant on the reasons why SWEP had been activated. This may include arranging additional access for beds for those rough sleeping, provisions for sunscreen, water, and ensuring safe places within community venues for individuals to access during the day.

5.
We do not currently have a formal SWEP policy document. In terms of our response, we follow guidance issued from government (see link attached) and also work in conjunction with other Greater Manchester Local Authorities in the case of severe weather.

[Supporting vulnerable people before and during hot weather: people experiencing homelessness and sleeping rough - GOV.UK](#)