



Please provide the information below relating to households with dependent children who have an Education, Health and Care Plan (EHCP) and who have been accepted as homeless and/or placed in Temporary Accommodation by the authority.

If exact figures cannot be provided, please supply the nearest available data or confirm that the information is not held. Aggregate data only is requested; no personal data is sought.

1. For the last year, please supply the number of households with dependent children placed in Temporary Accommodation. 451 households with families were placed into temporary accommodation between 1<sup>st</sup> Jan 2025 – 31<sup>st</sup> Dec 2025.
2. For the last year, please supply the number of those households known to include at least one child with an EHCP. We do not hold this information.
3. If the authority does not routinely record whether homeless households include children with EHCPs, please confirm this and explain where (if at all) this information would be recorded within housing needs assessments or homelessness systems. We do not routinely record this information in a reportable format, information about a household and their support needs would be captured within the case notes.
4. For the last year, please supply the number of households with children – with no EHCPs – were placed in Temporary Accommodation outside the local authority area. We do not capture data that differentiates these households; however, it is very rare that we would place a family in temporary accommodation outside of borough.
5. For the last year, please supply the number of households with children – with one or more EHCPs – were placed in Temporary Accommodation outside the local authority area. As above, we do not capture this data.
6. Please confirm whether the authority routinely records information on children’s SEN or EHCPs when completing Section 208 notifications? We would not routinely provide this information other than the household makeup.
7. When a household with a child who has an EHCP is placed in Temporary Accommodation, including out of area There are no specific procedures in place.
  - a. What procedures are in place to notify the current and new SEND service; and
  - b. What procedures are in place to ensure transfer and continuity of EHCP provision in line with the Special Educational Needs and Disability Regulations 2014.

8. Does the authority record or monitor whether children with EHCPs experience any interruption or delay to the provision specified in their EHCP following placement in Temporary Accommodation? If yes, please describe the monitoring approach. No
9. Does the authority have a policy or protocol for maintaining or funding to school transport for children with EHCPs who are placed out of area due to homelessness? The Home to School Transport Policy would be applied to determine eligibility for provision of school transport assistance.
10. Are housing suitability assessments adapted or given additional consideration where a household includes a child with an EHCP or other SEN? As within any suitability assessment we will always take into account the households needs and circumstances and any reasonable adjustments we need to make, balanced with the urgency of their housing and housing availability.
- a. Please provide a brief description of any such adjustments or guidance.
11. What training (if any) is mandatory for housing officers in relation to: SEND and EHCPs; safeguarding children. There are a number of online Children's safeguarding e-learning packages that all officers must complete.

As at 14/07/2025 we currently have 324 children in Temporary accommodation across 168 families. (This figure is all families and children and not specifically disabled children).

For Q3,4 and 5 where 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.

This would require a manual check of 451 households across systems which would be 15 mins per household which would be 15 mins x 451 families = 6765 mins = 112 hours)