



REQUEST 19496

If exact figures cannot be provided, please supply the nearest available data (e.g. for the latest month of data if historical data is not available) or confirm that the information is not held. Aggregate data only is requested; no personal data is sought.

1. How many households living in temporary accommodation in December 2025 were ineligible/disqualified to bid for permanent housing because of rent arrears?
2. How many households identified in question 1 include at least one child under the age of 18 years old?
3. How many households identified in question 1 include at least one child who is aged two years-old or under?
4. How many households identified in question 1 include an applicant who the council owes a duty because of domestic abuse?
5. How many households living in temporary accommodation in December 2025 were re-banded/deprioritised for permanent housing because of rent arrears?
6. How many households identified in question 5 include at least one child under the age of 18 years old?
7. How many households identified in question 5 include at least one child who is aged two years-old or under?
8. How many households identified in question 5 include an applicant who the council owes a duty because of domestic abuse?

RESPONSE

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

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.

To gain this information, it would mean manually cross referencing all the cases in temporary accommodation against a separate system, as of 31st December 2025 there were 275 households living in temporary accommodation. It would take a minimum of 15 minutes per case to check both systems ($15 \times 275 = 4125$ mins – 69 hours). This exceeds the time frame for the request.