

Request

1. The total number of one-bedroom council properties allocated during each year for the most recent 12-month period available and, if possible, the preceding two years for comparison.
2. The number of those properties allocated to households who were homeless or owed a homelessness duty.
3. The number allocated through the council's housing register/bidding system, and the number allocated directly outside the normal bidding process.
4. The number of one-bedroom properties allocated to applicants in each housing priority group or band.
5. The average age of the main applicant at the time of allocation, together with an age-band breakdown.
6. The ethnicity of the main applicant, using the categories recorded by the council.
7. If recorded, the nationality of the main applicant.
8. If recorded, the number of allocations to applicants who were British-born and the number to applicants born outside the UK.
9. If recorded, the number of allocations to applicants who were UK nationals and non-UK nationals.
10. If recorded, the number of allocations to applicants who were asylum seekers, refugees, or otherwise accommodated under a Home Office arrangement.
11. The total number of one-bedroom properties allocated to applicants who were already on the housing register, compared with those allocated directly to homeless households or other applicants outside the normal bidding process.

Response

1. Number of one-bedroom properties allocated

Year	1 Bed Bungalow	1 Bed Flat	Total
Apr 26 - Present	80	130	210
Apr 25 – Mar 26	184	306	490
Apr 24 – Mar 25	198	344	542

2. Number of applicants that where homeless or owed a homeless duty

Year	Homeless
Apr 26 – Present	34
Apr 25 – Mar 26	119
Apr 24 – Mar 25	124

3. Number let through bidding system and outside of bidding system

Year	Via Bidding System	Outside bidding system
Apr 26 – Present	88	85
Apr 25 – Mar 26	299	191
Apr 24 – Mar 25	325	218

All properties were allocated in accordance with the Council's Allocations Policy, including those allocated through direct lets were permitted by the policy.

4. Number of lets in each priority band.

Year	Band 'A'	Band 'B'	Band 'C'
Apr 26 – Present	16	190	4
Apr 25 – Mar 26	46	432	12
Apr 24 – Mar 25	54	471	17

5. Average age of applicants and number of lets per age group

	Apr 26 - Present	Apr 25 – Mar 26	Apr 24 – Mar 25
Average Age	57	54	55
16 – 24	19	50	61
25 – 34	13	40	43
35 – 44	16	51	51
45 – 54	20	48	57
55 – 59	30	52	51
60 – 64	38	83	72
65 – 74	37	114	124
75 +	37	52	83
Total	210	490	542

6. The ethnicity of the main applicant

	Apr 26 – Present	Apr 25 – Mar 26	Apr 24 – Mar 25
Any Other Ethnic Origin	2	18	10
Asian or Asian British: Indian	0	1	0
Asian or Asian British: Other Asian	0	8	4
Asian or Asian British: Pakistani	1	2	1
Black or Black British: African	2	8	11
Black or Black British: Other Black	1	3	2
Eastern European - Czech	0	0	1
Eastern European - Latvian	0	0	2
Eastern European - Lithuanian	0	1	0
Eastern European -Polish	1	1	2
Eastern European – Romanian	1	0	1
Gypsy / Traveller	0	1	0
Mixed: White and Black African	0	1	1
Mixed: Other Mixed	1	0	0
Mixed: White and Asian	1	0	1
Mixed: White and Black Caribbean	0	0	3
Other ethnic group: Arab	1	5	5
Prefer Not To Say	8	12	8
Unknown	8	8	10
White: English	179	412	474
White: Irish	1	4	0
White: Other	3	4	6
White: Scottish	0	1	0

7. Nationality of Main applicant

Nationality	Apr 26 – Present	Apr 25 – Mar 26	Apr 24 – Mar 25
Czech Republic	0	0	1
Ireland	1	0	1
Latvia	0	0	2

Lithuania	0	1	0
Other European Economic Area	1	2	13
Other Non-European Economic Area	10	39	26
Poland	3	1	2
Romania	1	0	1
UK national resident in the UK	186	427	486
UK national returning from overseas	0	8	4
Unknown	8	12	6

8. The Council does not hold information on applicants' country of birth and cannot therefore identify whether allocated applicants were British-born or born outside the UK. Country of birth is not collected or recorded as part of the housing application or allocation process.

9. Number of UK Nation / Non-UK Nationals

Year	UK Nationals	Non-UK Nationals	Unknown
Apr 26 – Present	186	16	8
Apr 25 – Mar 26	435	43	12
Apr 24 – Mar 25	490	46	6

10. The Council assesses applicants' eligibility for social housing in accordance with relevant housing legislation and statutory guidance. Whilst information may be obtained to determine an applicant's eligibility, the Council does not maintain a central record of housing allocations by asylum seeker status, refugee status, or whether an applicant was accommodated under a Home Office arrangement. The requested information is not recorded in a searchable format that would enable the Council to identify and extract the figures requested. To determine this would require a manual review of individual case records and would exceed the appropriate limit under Section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000.
11. All one-bedroom properties allocated during the period were allocated to applicants who had an active housing application and were therefore recorded on the housing register. This includes applicants who were homeless and those who received a direct allocation outside the normal bidding process. The Council does not hold a separate figure for allocations to applicants who were not on the housing register, as all allocations are made to registered applicants