

Response to Request for Information

Homelessness and rough sleeping

I can confirm that the information requested is held by City of Wolverhampton Council. I list below the information that is being released to you.

In your request you asked:

I'm writing to ask for your help in some scoping research to estimate the number of COVID19 deaths while homeless.

Following the creation of the Government taskforce for the impact of COVID-19 on homelessness and rough sleeping, ONS are scoping the feasibility of estimating the number of COVID19 deaths while homeless. To do this, we will use death certificates that mentioned COVID-19, and identify homeless individuals from that based on the given information on residence. This is similar to our previous work Deaths of homeless people in England and Wales. While deaths of the homeless normally go to a coroner, and thus take a long time to be recorded, it may be possible to estimate deaths of the homeless from COVID19 since this is a notifiable disease.

To do this, we need a list of all the homeless shelters, direct access hostels, B&B's and hotels used for the homeless and rough sleepers since the start of the pandemic, in your local authority or area. The information we need is address, postcode and name of establishment.

The definition of homeless here is not consistent with our annual publication of homeless deaths. Instead it will be based on what can be identified from the death certificates of people who died from COVID19, in particular people sleeping rough, or using emergency accommodation such as homeless shelters, or direct access hostels, B&B's or hotels at the time of death, or those with NFA.

In response to your request, please find our response below:

The only one that meets that criteria would be

- Redwings Hotel, Waterloo Road, Wolverhampton, WV1 4QL
- Oaklands Hotel, Penn, Wolverhampton, WV3 0DS

Please quote the reference number 1680057 in any future communications.

If you are dissatisfied with the handling of your request, you have the right to ask for an

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