



## Response to Request for Information

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Date            28 May 2015

### ***Housing - Youth Homelessness***

**Request:**

#### **FOI Request**

##### **Data request for all queries below:**

- Age
  - 16-17 year olds
  - 18-24 year olds
- Years
  - 2014
  - 2013
  - 2012
- Data type
  - Numerical totals for each item by age group and year

##### **Query 1: Your Data systems**

**What software and database systems are used to maintain and query your homelessness data?**

*(E.g. Paper-based records, Excel spreadsheet, Locata (Sector UK), Abritas, Capita, Peter Lalley's Microsoft Access Database)*

##### **Query 2: Homelessness presentations and assessments**

**Number of referrals:**

- a) Presented themselves as homeless, or at risk of homelessness
- b) Were subsequently assessed under Section 7 of the Children's Act
- c) of b), who's case was closed after assessment
- d) of b), who's case remained open and progressed after assessment
- e) of b), did any receive any further support around their housing
- f) of d), how many were accommodated
- g) of d), how many were offered support to maintain current accommodation
- h) of d), how many were supported to access accommodation, for example

through financial support packages

### Query 3: Needs

**Number of young people who progressed through Children's Services under the Children's Act, after having presented themselves as homeless, or at risk of homelessness (2a above) who fell into the following needs categories:**

- a) N1=Abuse or neglect
- b) N2=Child's disability
- c) N3=Parental illness or disability
- d) N4=Family in acute stress
- e) N5=Family dysfunction
- f) N6=Socially unacceptable behaviour
- g) N7=Low income
- h) N8=Absent parenting

### Query 4: Accommodation/Outcomes

**Number of young people who were housed under the Children's Act in one of the following types of temporary accommodation (please provide either snapshots by quarter or totals for the year):**

- a) H5=Residential accommodation not subject to children's homes regulations
- b) K2=Homes and hostels
  - i. How many were accommodated with the local authorities' own stock or with RP/RSLs?
  - ii. How many received formal support?
- c) P1=Placed with own parents or other person with parental responsibility
  - i. How many received formal support?
- d) P2=Independent living, eg in flat, lodgings, bedsit, B&B or with friends, with or without formal support
  - i. How many were placed in a B&B?
  - ii. How many were accommodated with the local authorities' own stock or with RP/RSLs?
  - iii. How many were accommodated in the private sector
  - iv. How many received formal support?
  - v. How many were 'sofa surfing' with friends?
  - vi. How many of these placements were deemed 'suitable'?
- e) P3=Residential employment
- f) R1=Residential care home
- g) R2=NHS/Health Trust or other establishment providing medical or nursing care
- h) R3=Family centre or mother and baby unit
- i) R5=Young Offender Institution or prison
- j) S1=All residential schools, except where dual-registered as a school and children's home
- k) T0=All types of temporary move
- l) U1-U6= any foster placement
- m) Z1=Other placements

### Query 5: Factors recorded at the end of the assessment

**Number young people who presented as homeless or at risk of homelessness and whose case progressed under the Children's Act, who had one or more of the following factors recorded at the end of the assessment:**

- a) 1A **Alcohol misuse:** Concerns about alcohol misuse by the child
- b) 1B **Alcohol misuse:** Concerns about alcohol misuse by the parent/carer
- c) 1C **Alcohol misuse:** Concerns about alcohol misuse by another person living in the household
- d) 2A **Drug misuse:** Concerns about drug misuse by the child
- e) 2B **Drug misuse:** Concerns about drug misuse by the parent/carer
- f) 2C **Drug misuse:** Concerns about drug misuse by another person living in the household
- g) 3A **Domestic violence:** Concerns about the child being the subject of domestic violence
- h) 3B **Domestic violence:** Concerns about the child's parent/carer being the subject of domestic violence
- i) 3C **Domestic violence:** Concerns about another person living in the household being the subject of domestic violence
- j) 4A **Mental health:** Concerns about the mental health of the child
- k) 4B **Mental health:** Concerns about the mental health of the parent/carer
- l) 4C **Mental health:** Concerns about the mental health of another person in the family/household
- m) 5A **Learning disability:** Concerns about the child's learning disability
- n) 5B **Learning disability:** Concerns about the parent/carer's learning disability
- o) 5C **Learning disability:** Concerns about another person in the family/household's learning disability
- p) 6A **Physical disability or illness:** Concerns about a physical disability or illness of the child
- q) 6B **Physical disability or illness:** Concerns about a physical disability or illness of the parent/carer
- r) 6C **Physical disability or illness:** Concerns about a physical disability or illness of another person in the family/household
- s) 7A **Young carer:** Concerns that services may be required or the child's health or development may be impaired due to their caring responsibilities

**Response:**

In response to your request please find our response to question 1 and 2.

In regards to questions 3, 4 and 5, following reasonable enquiries, it has been established that the Council does not hold the above requested information in the format you have requested.

Consequently, we are unable to provide any information relating to the above, and are informing you as required by Section 1(1) (a) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 ("The Act"), that states:

*"Any person making a request for information to a public authority is entitled to be informed in writing by the public authority whether it holds information of the description specified in the request".*

In order to provide this information we can confirm that the Council holds information falling within the description specified in your request. However, Section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 allows a public authority to refuse a request if the cost of providing the information to the applicant would exceed the 'appropriate limit' as defined by the Freedom of Information.

The Regulations provide that the appropriate limit to be applied to requests received by local authorities is £450 (equivalent to 2.5 days of work). In estimating the cost of complying with a request for information, an authority can only take into account any reasonable costs incurred in:

*“(a) Determining whether it holds the information,  
(b) locating the information, or a document which may contain the information,  
(c) retrieving the information, or a document which may contain the information, and  
(d) extracting the information from a document containing it”.*

*For the purposes of the estimate the costs of performing these activities should be estimated at a rate of £25 per hour.*

In order to determine the information you have requested we would need to get a list of those children and young people who have presented as homeless over the three years and manually check the information against our CareFirst records to identify whether they were assessed as a result of their homelessness and the outcomes etc. This would be a manual exercise and would take us over the 18 hour limit – in which case the only part of the request that we could answer would be the number that presented as homeless.

As such we believe that the aggregated time that it would take to collate the information would be in excess of 18 hours (equivalent to a notional cost of £450).

## 18-24yrs

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Excel Spreadsheet, Access, Northgate

### Query 2: Homelessness presentations, assessments and eligibility

Number of young people who:

Unfortunately our referral system groups 16-24 and doesn't breakdown by individual ages

	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15
a) Presented themselves as homeless, or at risk of homelessness	<b>601</b>	<b>930</b>	<b>884</b>
b) Were subsequently assessed under the Housing Act 1996	<b><u>296</u></b>	<b><u>235</u></b>	<b><u>325</u></b>
c) Were found eligible, unintentionally homeless and in priority need	103	84	75
d) Were found eligible, homeless and in priority need, but intentionally so	4	3	6
e) Were found eligible, homeless, but not in priority need	55	29	50
f) Were found eligible, but not homeless	102	78	94
g) Were found ineligible	3	2	4
h) Other Outcomes (no further contact / no decision made)	29	39	96

### Query 3:

Prevention stats don't relate to age groups in particular on our stats, only totals collated from our Northgate system, retrieval of this info would be very difficult with present reporting system.

**Query 4: Needs**

	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15
Number found eligible for full homelessness duty under the Housing Act 1996 because they had one of the following priority needs?			
a) Homeless due to emergency (flood, fire, disaster etc)	0	0	0
b) Household includes dependent children	47	41	34
c) Household includes pregnant woman	17	15	12
d) Physical disability	5	0	3
e) Mental illness or disability	2	1	2
f) Drug or alcohol dependency	0	0	0
g) Former asylum seeker	0	0	0
h) Having been in care	5	2	7
i) Having been in custody/on remand	0	0	0
j) Having fled their home because of violence/threat of violence	21	22	15
a. Of which domestic violence	18	10	13
Other	6	3	2
k) Total priority needs	<b><u>103</u></b>	84	<b><u>75</u></b>

**Query 5: Accommodation/Outcomes**

Number of young people who were housed in one of the following types of temporary accommodation (please provide snapshots by quarter or totals for the year):

- a) Bed and breakfast
- b) Other nightly paid, privately managed accommodation ("Annexes")
  - a. Shared facilities

- b. Self-contained (i.e. exclusive of facilities)
- c) Hostel accommodation
  - a. Hostels (including reception centres and emergency units)
  - b. Women's refuges
- d) Private sector accommodation leased by your authority or managed by an RP
- e) Directly with a private sector landlord (not 'other nightly paid, privately managed' or 'private sector accommodation leased by your authority')
- f) Accommodation within your own stock
- g) Accommodation within RP stock
- h) Any other types of accommodation
- i) Total accommodation arranged by the local authority

**Query 5:**

Accommodation stats don't relate to age groups in particular only when there has been an emergency under 18 placement, this info would be listed on the quarterly P1E reports which can be downloaded from:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/statistical-data-sets/live-tables-onhomelessness#detailed-local-authority-level-responses>

All other accommodation information would relate to all age groups 18+

**Query 6: Primary reason for loss of last settled base/home**

For those found eligible under the Housing Act 1996 (if you also have this data available for young people you have housed not under the housing act, such as supported housing or preventions, please provide that in addition), the number of young people who had one of the following main reasons for leaving their last settled base:

	<b>2012/13</b>	<b>2013/14</b>	<b>2014/15</b>
a) Parents no longer willing or able to accommodate	41	26	128
b) Other relatives or friends no longer willing or able to accommodate [NOT PROTECTIVELY MARKED]	7	6	41
c) Non-violent breakdown of relationship with partner	1	3	11
d) Violence	0	0	3
a. Violent breakdown of relationship, involving partner	21	20	34

b. Violent breakdown of relationship, involving associated persons	2	3	10
c. Racially motivated violence	0	0	0
d. Other forms of violence	3	1	0
e) Harassment, threats or intimidation	0	0	2
a. Racially motivated harassment	2	0	0
b. Other forms of harassment	0	1	0
f) Mortgage arrears (repossession or other loss of home)			
g) Rent arrears on:	0	2	0
a. Local authority or other public sector dwellings	0	0	3
b. Registered Provider dwellings	0	0	0
c. Private sector dwellings	0	0	4
h) Loss of rented or tied accommodation due to:			
a. Termination of assured shorthold tenancy	16	15	37
b. Reasons other than termination of assured shorthold tenancy	0	2	21
i) Required to leave accommodation provided by Home Office as asylum support	0	2	2
j) Left an institution or LA care:	2	3	6
a. Left prison/on remand	0	0	0
b. Left hospital	0	0	0
c. Left other institution or LA care	0	0	0
k) Other reason for loss of last settled home	3	0	0
a. Left HM-Forces	0	0	0
b. Other reason (e.g. homeless in emergency, sleeping rough or in hostel, returned from abroad)	5	0	23
l) Total applicant households	<b><u>103</u></b>	<b><u>84</u></b>	<b><u>325</u></b>



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i) Having been in custody/on remand	0	0	0
j) Having fled their home because of violence/threat of violence	0	0	0
a. Of which domestic violence	0	0	0
Other	0	0	0
k) Total priority needs	<u>4</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>1</u>

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