



Response to Request for Information

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Housing - Youth Homelessness

Request:

FOI Request

Data request relating to the 6 queries below:

- Age groups
 - 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, assessments and eligibility

Number of young people who:

- a) Presented themselves as homeless, or at risk of homelessness
- b) Were subsequently assessed under the Housing Act 1996
- c) Were found eligible, unintentionally homeless and in priority need
- d) Were found eligible, homeless and in priority need, but intentionally so
- e) Were found eligible, homeless, but not in priority need
- f) Were found eligible, but not homeless
- g) Were found ineligible

Query 3: Prevention and Relief for 2012, 2013 and 2014

- a) Number of prevention and relief cases
- b) Number of cases where positive action was successful in relieving homelessness

- c) Number of cases where positive action was successful in preventing homelessness
 - i. of which prevention cases where household was assisted to obtain alternative accommodation
 - ii. of which prevention cases where household was able to remain in existing home

Query 4: Needs

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)
- b) Household includes dependent children
- c) Household includes pregnant woman
- d) Physical disability
- e) Mental illness or disability
- f) Drug or alcohol dependency
- g) Former asylum seeker
- h) Having been in care
- i) Having been in custody/on remand
- j) Having fled their home because of violence/threat of violence
 - a. Of which domestic violence
- k) Total priority needs

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 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:

- a) Parents no longer willing or able to accommodate
- b) Other relatives or friends no longer willing or able to accommodate

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

Response:

In response to your request please find our response below to your Query 1 – Your Data Systems

[We currently use the Northgate system](#)

In response to the remainder of the questions, we can confirm that Under Section 21 of the Act, we are not required to provide information in response to a request if it is already reasonably accessible to you. The information you requested is in the public domain and held on the P1e website, see link below:

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

If you do not have access to the Internet at home, you may be able to use facilities at your local public library.