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Your ref:

Date: 14 February 2020

Dear Ms Silke

Freedom of Information Act 2000

Thank you for your recent Freedom of Information request. You asked to be provided with the following information:

- 1. How many families are currently placed by Westminster Housing Solutions Service in*
 - a. interim accommodation and*
 - b. temporary accommodation within Westminster.*
- 2. How many families are currently placed in a. interim accommodation and b. temporary accommodation outside of Westminster?*
- 3. For those outside of the borough, please could you provide a breakdown showing the percentage of families placed in each area?*
- 4. How many families are currently placed in emergency accommodation by Social Services within Westminster and outside the borough?*
- 5. How are the current average waiting times listed on your website below calculated? www.westminster.gov.uk/apply-social-housing*

Response

I can confirm that the information requested is held by Westminster City Council. I have detailed below the information that is being released to you.

Please note that for Questions 1-3, we have classified families as those households with more than one occupant with children. In addition we consider Interim accommodation as those that have been placed into accommodation but not assessed as being owed a main housing duty.

- 1. How many families are currently placed by Westminster Housing Solutions Service in*
 - a. interim accommodation and*
 - b. temporary accommodation within Westminster.*

- a. 6
- b. 697

2. How many families are currently placed in a. interim accommodation and b. temporary accommodation outside of Westminster?

Response:

- a. 120
b. 774

3. For those outside of the borough, please could you provide a breakdown showing the percentage of families placed in each area?

Response:

BARKING AND DAGENHAM	9.9%
BARNET	3.4%
BEXLEY	0.2%
BRENTFORD	7.8%
BROMLEY	0.2%
CAMDEN	0.6%
CROYDON	0.1%
EALING	5.6%
ENFIELD	7.9%
GRAVESEND	0.1%
GREENWICH	1.2%
HACKNEY	3.7%
HAMMERSMITH AND FULHAM	1.3%
HARINGEY	4.0%
HAVERING	0.8%
HERTSEMERE	0.1%
HILLINGDON	4.9%
HOUNSLOW	0.6%
HARROW	0.4%
ISLINGTON	1.8%
KENSINGTON & CHELSEA	1.2%
LAMBETH	0.2%
LEWISHAM	0.7%
MERTON	0.3%
NEWHAM	19.8%
NORTH HERTFORDSHIRE	0.1%
REDBRIDGE	5.9%
SLOUGH	0.3%
SOUTH END ON SEA	0.7%
SOUTHWARK	3.4%
TOWER HAMLETS	1.1%
THURROCK	5.2%
WALHAM FOREST	4.9%
WANDSWORTH	1.5%

4. How many families are currently placed in emergency accommodation by Social Services within Westminster and outside the borough?

20 Families

5. How are the current average waiting times listed on your website below calculated? www.westminster.gov.uk/apply-social-housing

Response:

The average waiting times shown are worked out by taking the number of people registered on each bedsize list and dividing that by the number of properties let (actual lettings) to that bedsize in the previous year.

The calculation assumes that the same number of lettings are made each year and that no one else is accepted onto the list.

It does not take into account the length of time someone has already waited.

Please note that the current waiting times shown on the website relate to a couple of years ago.

If you are dissatisfied with the handling of your request, you have the right to ask for an internal review. Internal review requests should be submitted within two months of the date of receipt of the response to your original letter and should be addressed to:

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If you are not content with the outcome of the internal review, you have the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. Further information is also available from the Information Commissioner at:

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Yours sincerely

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