

Ms. Emily Thomas  
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Civic 1  
Harrow  
9 October 2019  
Our ref: 5199795

Dear Ms. Thomas

Thank you for your request for information received on 20 September 2019.

This request is being handled under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

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

\* What was the number of people found to be rough sleeping in the area administered by the council in each of the years from 2010 ' 2018?

#### Annual rough sleeping estimate (snapshot of 1 night)

Year	Number of rough sleepers
2018	13
2017	10
2016	10
2015	6
2014	4
2013	4
2012	2
2011	1
2010	1

#### CHAIN Annual Report

Year	Number of rough sleepers
2017/2018	33
2016/2017	43
2015/2016	65
2014/2015	45
2013/2014	48
2012/2013	32
2011/2012	21
2010/2011	5

\* What was the number of people found to be homeless in the area administered by the council in each of the years from 2010 to 2018?

## Homeless Applications and Acceptances

Several thousand people in housing need contact the Council each year. Most do not have a recognised priority need and are not eligible for social housing. They are offered advice and often assistance to either remain in their current home or to find alternative accommodation. Of those that applied, the number accepted as being eligible, unintentionally homeless and in priority need during 2018/19 was 229, over 5 times the number in 2009/10. The highest annual number of acceptances during the last 10 years was in 2015/16 at 726

Year	Application Decisions	Acceptances	%
2009/10	320	44	13.8
2010/11	335	45	13.4
2011/12	368	109	29.6
2012/13	382	115	30.1
2013/14	389	180	46.3
2014/15	446	280	62.8
2015/16	726	516	71.1
2016/17	636	449	70.6
2017/18	446	307	68.8

\* How much was spent by the council on schemes aimed at tackling homelessness in each of the years between 2010 and 2018?

**ANS – We changed the way that we calculate the homelessness budget in 2015, so we have only provided figures from that date.**

2015/16	£10,233,476
2016/17	£12,477,080
2017/18	£10,599,008
2018/19	£12,080,068

\* How much was spent by the council on 'Housing First' style schemes aimed at tackling homelessness in each of the years between 2010 and 2018?

**ANS – The London Borough of Harrow does not participate in any 'Housing First' schemes, so the answer to this question is null.**

\* How much was spent by the council from Government grants on 'Housing First' style schemes aimed at tackling homelessness in each of the years between 2010-2018?.

**ANS – The London Borough of Harrow does not participate in any 'Housing First' schemes, so the answer to this question is null.**

If you have any questions, please contact me on 0208 420 9215 or [mark.fosh@harrow.gov.uk](mailto:mark.fosh@harrow.gov.uk).

If you are dissatisfied with the way your request for information has been handled, you can request an internal review of Harrow Council's decision by writing to:

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Harrow  
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Email: [nick.powell@harrow.gov.uk](mailto:nick.powell@harrow.gov.uk)

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Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF

Telephone: 0303 123 1113

Website: <http://www.ico.org.uk/complaints/handling/complain>

There is no charge for making an appeal.

Yours sincerely

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