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8th November 2019

Dear Emily Thomas

Information request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000
FOI063919 – Homelessness

Thank you for your request for information received on 20th September 2019 and the clarification response received on 03 November 2019.

Your request has now been processed and the information that we hold is attached at the bottom of this letter.

Your request has been handled under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. Any information that is refused will clearly indicate the exemption that applies to the refusal.

Further information explaining the Council's process for responding to information requests is available in our reception or on our website. If you have any queries regarding the process or your request, please do not hesitate to contact me.

If after receiving our full response, you feel dissatisfied with the information provided, or you disagree with a refusal decision, you have the right to ask for a review of the decision with the Council. We will accept review requests up to 60 days after our response. After that date we consider the case closed.

Review requests should be addressed to the Information & Asset Team Manager at North Hertfordshire District Council, Council Offices, Gernon Road, Letchworth, Herts, SG6 3JF or emailed to FOI2@north-herts.gov.uk

It is important that you include the above FOI reference number on all correspondence related to this request.

If following a review you are still dissatisfied with the Council's response, you can contact the Information Commissioners Office for guidance or to make an appeal at:-
Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire. SK9 5AF
Telephone: 0303 123 1113 (or 01625 545745 if you would prefer not to call an '03' number, or +44 1625 545745 if calling from overseas) www.ico.org.uk

Yours sincerely



Garry Melding
Information & Asset Officer

Homelessness

I am seeking information from your local authority under the Freedom of Information Act (2000), regarding the topic of homelessness in your area. My questions are as follows:

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

Response:

Q1 Rough sleeping statistics for local authorities can be found at <https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/homelessness-statistics>

Q2 Statistics on homelessness applications by local authority can be found at <https://www.gov.uk/government/statistical-data-sets/live-tables-on-homelessness>

Q3 £48k pa

Q4 £0 No 'Housing First' style schemes operate in the district

Q5 £0 No 'Housing First' style schemes operate in the district

Response by customer to clarification questions.

To whom this may concern,

Thank you very much for your response regarding the previous Freedom of Information request.

To clarify the issue that you mentioned in my previous correspondence please see the following:

Regarding question two, it is the number of total homeless applications presented to the LA during the time frame specified.

Regarding question four, it is not referring to salary costs for homelessness staff, but any other spending associated with tackling homelessness in the area.

Thank you very much for your time, if there are any other issues that arise please let me know.

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