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**Our ref:** 7900537

**Your ref:**

**Date:** 3 September 2018

Dear Sir/Madam

### **Freedom of Information Act 2000**

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

**1) The number of families you have placed (household with one or more child) in temporary accommodation within the boundaries of Essex County (please specify the district and postcode area) for the following years:**

**a) 2015**

**b) 2016**

**c) 2017**

**d) 2018 to date**

**e) Please provide details of the type of accommodation (your own stock, registered social landlord, b and b, hostel, private unit with shared facilities, self-contained, private landlord accommodation leased to the council or RG, private landlord private arrangement, staying put arrangement, staying with family)**

Snapshot at the end of each financial year provided below answering Q1, a,b,c,d and e. All units are self-contained and leased.

Please see attached PDF.

**f) Please tell us the number of the above who you had an accepted duty for and the number who were placed pending a decision, appeal or review.**

As per tables above.

**g) Please tell us the number of families placed in Essex who then had the homeless duty discharged without move on accommodation being provided (including those placed pending a decision outcome or appeal).**

This would require a manual exercise to review the outcome of all households placed in Essex at any time, please see advice and assistance below.

**2) Details of homeless prevention and relief advice to families which has included providing details of accommodation within the boundaries of Essex County or resulted in a family moving within the boundaries of Essex?**

**2a) Please include the accommodation details (for example address of a hotel, mobile home site, letting agency or private landlord and who the lease is with).**

**2b) Please also include a copy of any printed information which is handed out with details of Essex accommodation as part of your homeless prevention advice to families.**

**2c) Please provide information you have provided to families as part of prevention and relief that included information about any accommodation within the boundaries of Essex**

Information specific to accommodation in Essex is not provided to households approaching the housing options service.

**2d) Please tell us the number of families who you provided preventative or relief housing intervention for who moved to Essex**

This would require a manual search of all cases in the tables above, please see advice and assistance below.

**3) Details of any social housing which you own which is located within the Essex County boundaries. Please include the District/s and postcode area/s)**

None

**4) Details of any RG properties which you use that are within the Essex Council boundaries**

None

**5) The number of families that have been housed/allocated through your housing register within the boundaries of Essex County (please specify the district/s and postcode area/s) in the following years**

**a) 2015**

**b) 2016**

**c) 2017**

**d) 2018 to date**

**e) Please tell us the number that are in your own stock, number in RG stock and the number in private rented accommodation**

None

**6) Please tell us the number of homeless families not already counted in the above who you are aware of who have moved within the boundaries of Essex? (for example where people are accepted as a homeless duty and find their own accommodation in Essex)**

None

**Advice and assistance:**

Our system is not able to identify the information requested in Questions 1G & 2D above. To obtain this information would require manually checking all households placed in Essex to identify the extent to which the requested information is held.

**Refusal Notice**

Your request for information will not be processed.

This is because the cost of locating and retrieving the information would significantly exceed the "appropriate limit" as stated in the Freedom of Information (Fees and Appropriate Limit) Regulations 2004.

Under section 17 of the Act this response constitutes a refusal notice in respect of the requested information.

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:

Information Commissioner's Office  
Wycliffe House  
Water Lane  
Wilmslow  
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SK9 5AF

Tel: 0303 123 1113 or 01625 54 57 45

Fax: 01625 524510

Web: [www.ico.org.uk](http://www.ico.org.uk)

We would like to hear your views on our service. If you'd like to tell us how we did, you can complete our feedback form online at <http://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/foifedback>

I will now close your request as of this date.

Yours faithfully

Westminster Council