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Dear Mr David Adams,

Request under the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002

I refer to your correspondence received on 13th March in which you requested certain information be provided to you. The Council is treating your request as a request under the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002. I can confirm that the Council does hold the information you have requested. Your request and our response are noted below.

I would like information about the numbers of homeless households being moved both out of and into the local authority area and where they are being moved to and from. I am aware from your reporting requirements to central government that you hold this information but only part of it is released through DCLG statistical updates.

1. For each year since 2010, please provide a month by month breakdown of the total number of homeless households the local authority has rehoused in another local authority area. For each household rehoused, please indicate:

- the total number of people rehoused**
- the local authority area they were moved to**
- whether this was temporary or settled accommodation**
- whether they were allocated either council / social housing or a private rental tenancy**

2. For each year since 2010, please provide a month by month breakdown of the total number of homeless households the local authority has agreed to rehouse from another local authority area. For each household rehoused, please indicate:

- the total number of people rehoused**



- the local authority area they were received

- whether this was temporary or settled accommodation

- whether they were allocated either council / social housing or a private rental tenancy.

There are Zero Glasgow homeless households rehoused to or from other local authority areas and there have been no such cases since 2010 because the legislation does not permit this to happen.

Under the duty to advise and assist, I can inform you that we do not have a housing department. All social housing in Glasgow is managed by Registered Social Landlords. If you are referring to households of persons who had once been homeless being subsequently rehoused in a housing transfer between authorities after a home has been found for them, then that is a matter you would need to take up with The Wheatley Group. Their contact details are:

The Wheatley Group, 25 Cochrane St, Glasgow, G1 1HL
0800 479 7979

In the case of a current homeless person or household who may be in a different local authority but has made a homeless application in Glasgow, or the reverse case of a homeless person in Glasgow applying in a different authority, then that process is managed through transferring the homelessness application under Section 33 or 38 of The Housing (Scotland) Act 1987. It is however the application that transfers, not the person.

That is to say one local authority does not place a homeless person in social housing in a different local authority. They simply ask that the other local authority considers the application as being a valid one for themselves to deal with. That other local authority then takes responsibility for finding the person a home within its own area. Certain conditions need to apply. The person must have no local connection with the referring authority but must have a relevant connection with the receiving authority such that it is reasonable to expect them to live there. The person is thus housed in a local authority area appropriate to them, they are not subject to compulsory rehousing in a different local authority away from a place they have lived and have legitimate connections to.

The phenomenon your enquiry is taken to refer to of one local authority placing people in a different local authority, far away from their usual place of residence or local connection, as has been recently reported in the press in relation to certain London authorities, would appear to be a practice restricted to authorities in England and Wales reflecting different legislation and legal responsibilities than applies in Scotland.

I hope the information provided is helpful.

Right of Review

If you are dissatisfied with the way Glasgow City Council has dealt with your request under the Freedom of Information Act (Scotland) 2002 you are entitled to require the Council to review its decision. Please note that for a review to take place you must:

- Lodge a written requirement for a review within 40 working days of the date of this letter

- Include a correspondence address and a description of the original request and the reason why you are dissatisfied
- Address your request to the Director of Governance and Solicitor to the Council:

Director of Governance and Solicitor to the Council
Glasgow City Council
City Chambers
George Square
Glasgow G2 1DU

Email: FOIreviews@glasgow.gov.uk

You will receive notice of the results of the review within 20 working days of receipt of your request. The notice will state the decision reached by the reviewing officer as well as details of how to appeal to the Scottish Information Commissioner if you are still dissatisfied with the Council's response. You must request an internal review by the Council before a complaint can be directed to the Scottish Information Commissioner. For your information at this stage, an appeal can be made to the Scottish Information Commissioner by contacting her office as follows if you do remain dissatisfied with the outcome of the Council's review decision -

Address: Kinburn Castle, Doubledykes Road, St Andrews, KY16 9DS.

Email: enquiries@itspublicknowledge.info

Telephone: 01334 464610

You can also use the Scottish Information Commissioner's online appeal service to make an application for a decision:

www.itspublicknowledge.info/appeal

Please note that you cannot make an appeal to the Scottish Information Commissioner until you have first requested an internal review by the Council.

If you wish to submit a complaint to the Council in relation to the manner in which it has handled your request for information then you can do by requesting that the Council review its decision. Details of how to request a review are set out in the above paragraph "Right of Review".

Yours sincerely



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