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Dear Mr Heale

Freedom of Information Act 2000

Thank you for your request for information to Brighton & Hove City Council ('the council') that was received on 4 January 2022. We would like to apologise for the delay in receiving our response.

We have now processed your request and our response is below.

Your request:

Please answer the following under the Freedom Of information Act relating to the use of temporary housing by the Council:-

1. How many people (individuals) were housed in temporary accommodation by Brighton and Hove Council in the following years: 2015/16; 2016/17; 2017/18; 2018/19; 2019/20; and 2020/21?

2. How many people (individuals) were housed in the following forms of accommodation:-

- (a) Bed and Breakfast/Hotels?***
- (b) Private Rented accommodation?***
- (c) Under the Council's rent/lease scheme or in similar privately owned housing sub-managed by the Council?***
- (d) Other types of temporary accommodation?***

3. How many people (individuals) are currently housed outside the Brighton and Hove area?

4. Are those people in temporary accommodation included in the Housing Waiting List?

Our response:

In processing your request we liaised with colleagues within Housing as they would hold the information in relation to your request were this information to be held by the council.

We can confirm that the information you have requested is held by the council but is exempt from disclosure for the reasons detailed below.

The [Freedom of Information Act 2000](#) (the Act) requires us to comply with a request, unless it would be too expensive to do so. Under s.12 (*Cost of compliance exceeds appropriate limit*) of the Act, the cost limit for the council is £450 i.e. 18 hours at the rate of £25 per person per hour.

The cost limit allows us to take into account when estimating the cost of complying with a request, time spent determining whether we hold the information requested; identifying, locating and retrieving it and extracting the information from the relevant document(s).

We maintain records relating to numbers of households and our system will not report on individuals. In order to provide an accurate number in response to your question it would be necessary to undertake a manual count of individuals within each household record, for each of the periods required.

We estimate that the total time required to undertake this activity alone would exceed the 18 hour limit. We are therefore unable to process your request as to do so would exceed to the cost limit as set out in s.12 of the Act.

Should you wish to submit a new request that may fall within the 18 hour time limit, you may wish to consider the following:

- Narrowing the time frame of your request.
- Amend request from number of individuals to households

Please note any new request will be treated as such and the 20 working day limit will start again and that there is no guarantee that any new request will fall within the 18 hour limit.

Please quote the reference number 9874297 in any future communications.

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 40 working days of the date of receipt of this response and should be addressed to:

foicases@mail.brighton-hove.gov.uk

or by post to the address at the top of this letter.

If you are still dissatisfied with the Council's response after the Internal Review you have a right of appeal to the Information Commissioner at:

The Information Commissioner's Office
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
Cheshire SK9 5AF.
Telephone: 0303 123 1113
Website: www.ico.org.uk

We will now close your request as of this date.

Yours sincerely

Information Rights Team

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