

Freedom of Information Act 2000 – homeless households with children

Your request for information has now been considered and the Council's response to your questions is shown below.

You asked:

- Please provide the data for the previous two years (ending 31st December 2013) broken down by month.

1. How many households with children (aged 0-16) have come to your council for assistance because they are homeless?

- a) Jan 12 – Mar 12: **87**
- b) Apr 12 – Jun 12: **118**
- c) Jul 12 – Sep 12: **110**
- d) Oct 12 – Dec 12: **79**
- e) Jan 13 – Mar 13: **72**
- f) Apr 13 – Jun 13: **73**
- g) Jul 13 – Sep 13: **63**
- h) Oct 13 – Dec 13: **64**

2. How many of those households with children (ages 0-16) were found to be intentionally homeless?

- a) Jan 12 – Mar 12: **14**
- b) Apr 12 – Jun 12: **13**
- c) Jul 12 – Sep 12: **15**
- d) Oct 12 – Dec 12: **12**
- e) Jan 13 – Mar 13: **10**
- f) Apr 13 – Jun 13: **11**
- g) Jul 13 – Sep 13: **9**
- h) Oct 13 – Dec 13: **4**

3. a) How many intentionally homeless households with children (ages 0-16) were housed in bed and breakfasts (this means the whole household including the children)?

- Jan 12 – Mar 12: **5**
- Apr 12 – Jun 12: **1**
- Jul 12 – Sep 12: **1**
- Oct 12 – Dec 12: **0**
- Jan 13 – Mar 13: **1**
- Apr 13 – Jun 13: **0**
- Jul 13 – Sep 13: **0**
- Oct 13 – Dec 13: **0**

b) How many weeks were they housed in bed and breakfast accommodation for?

Jan 12 – Mar 12: **average stay was 12 days (individually: 27, 17, 9, 6, 3 days)**
Apr 12 – Jun 12: **11 days**
Jul 12 – Sep 12: **4 days**
Oct 12 – Dec 12: **N/A as no households were intentionally homeless**
Jan 13 – Mar 13: **30 days**
Apr 13 – Jun 13: **N/A as no households were intentionally homeless**
Jul 13 – Sep 13: **N/A as no households were intentionally homeless**
Oct 13 – Dec 13: **N/A as no households were intentionally homeless**

4. How many children (aged 0-16) of families deemed intentionally homeless have been referred to children's services?

It is standard practice for all families found to be intentionally homeless to be referred to children's services. The figures, therefore, are the same as at Question 2.

5. a) How many children (aged 0-16) of families deemed to be intentionally homeless have been housed without their parents/carers? (Section 20 of the Children Act 1989 states Local Authorities are required by law to provide accommodation for children who require it). *I am looking for the number of cases where children have been separated from their parents/carers as a result of homelessness only – cases where there are no other child protection issues.*

One child for two days

b) How many of these children have been placed into the care system?

One - the same child

c) How many were placed into informal arrangements with other relatives?

None

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