

## FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000

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

**You asked:**

**Could you please provide me with some information regarding housing needs across the city of Leicester.**

**1. How many people are on the council waiting lists for?**

*(As at 09/08/2012)*

- a. **1 Bed accommodating** 4078
- b. **2 Bed accommodation** 2275
- c. **3 bed accommodation** 2508
- d. **Shared room accommodation** data not recorded
- e. **4+ bed accommodation** 684

**2. How many people are declared "Homeless "across the city?**

*The total number of Homeless applications that were open from April 2011 to March 2012 were 1090. (Please note that this figure includes applications which were opened before end of March 2012, but had decisions issued after the beginning of April 2012).*

*However, a total of 731 homeless decisions were issued in the period April 2011- March 2012.*

**3. What is the average waiting time to get a council house broken down in the categories above?**

*(The average waiting time for rehousing for the period 01/08/2011 to 31/07/2012 from the Housing Register from date of application to date rehoused)*

- a. **1 Bed accommodating** = 376 days
- b. **2 Bed accommodation** = 592 days
- c. **3 bed accommodation** = 616 days
- d. **Shared room accommodation** = data not recorded
- e. **4+ bed accommodation** = 1054 days

**4. How many people across the city are eligible for Supported Housing?**

*There are 274 people in the internal supported housing schemes who are eligible for Supported Housing.*

**5. Can you break down the list to show the various types of Supported housing?**

*This comprises of:*

- a) 119 Hostel bed spaces for single homeless/ childless couples (24 / 7 support)
- b) 8 bed spaces for women's only hostel (24/7 support)
- c) 50 hostel family units (24/7 support)
- d) 6 units for people with entrenched alcohol issues (24/7 support)

- e) 65 Semi supported accommodation for single homeless people (9- 5 support)
- f) 13 units for people with mental ill health (24/ 7 support)
- g) 13 units for single homeless people (24/7 not Hostel accommodation)
- h) 19 units for people with mental ill health / learning disabilities 9-5 support)

**6. What is the main need requirement for supported housing by the private sector?**

*In the above question I am referring to the type of care needed that relates to supported housing i.e. is it supported housing for the elderly, or for ex prisoners or for people with learning difficulties or for ex drug addicts etc.*

*Could you outline the numbers of different groups of people within the supported housing sector who need assistance with accommodation?*

The number of different client groups within the supported housing sector who need assistance are as follows; mental health, learning difficulties, physical and sensory disabilities, drug users, alcohol users, people with HIV/ Aids, young people at risk, offenders and at risk of offending, teenage parents, homeless families, and women suffering or at risk of domestic violence.

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Yours sincerely

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