**Freedom of Information Act 2000 – housing victims of domestic abuse**

Your request for information has now been considered. The Council holds the information requested.

**You asked:**

**Please can you tell me how many victims of domestic abuse have approached the council for help finding new housing in each year over the past five years.**

**Please can you tell me what the outcome was for each applicant over the past five years. If you are not able to list the outcome for every applicant, please can you give an overall picture for each year i.e. 20 people were given temporary accommodation etc**

**How many of these applicants in each year over the past five years were found not to be in priority need and what reason was given?**

**How many of the applicants who were found not to be in priority need successfully appealed the council's decision?**

Answer:

Question 1 – please attached.

Question 2 -

For 2017 alone, there are 225 records, each of which will take well over an hour to interrogate and extract the relevant information. This exercise would exceed the cost limit prescribed in the Freedom of Information Act.

Section 12 of the Act makes provision for public authorities to refuse requests for information where the cost of dealing with them would exceed the appropriate limit, which for local government is set at £450. This represents the estimated cost of one person spending more than 18 hours in determining whether the department holds the information, along with locating, retrieving and extracting the information.

The Council has duly determined that to undertake such an exercise would exceed the limit specified above.

This is therefore a Refusal Notice under section 17.1 of the Freedom of Information Act, because under the provisions of section 12.1 of the Act, the Council estimates that to comply with your request in its current form will exceed the appropriate limit.

Question 3 – please see attached

Question 4 – please see attached

PS: Where we have stated that the data is not available, the Council does not hold any information relevant to your questions and is informing you as required by Section 1(1) of the Act.

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If you are dissatisfied with the handling of your request please write to:

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