

Request 8993 Homelessness

We would like to know about any young people aged 16-24 who approached you, including those who were part of a household or couple and were not the main applicant, during the financial year 2020-2021 because they were homeless or at risk of homelessness. In addition to this, we are also seeking to know how many young people aged 16-24 you helped through Everyone In during these same periods to get an idea of the full scale of homelessness support provided during the pandemic for young people.

The information we are requesting falls under the Housing Act 1996 which has been amended to include the new duties brought in by the Homelessness Reduction Act 2017.

Format of responses:

We have attached a template spreadsheet to this request for you to enter your response.

Our Freedom of Information request:

We kindly request the information in the query below. In all queries '2020-2021' refers to the financial year from April 2020 to March 2021.

We are requesting data for each quarter of this financial year (below) and the total for 2020-21.

Quarter 1: 1st April – 30th June 2020

Quarter 2: 1st July – 30th September 2020

Quarter 3: 1st October – 31st December 2020

Quarter 4: 1st January – 31st March 2020

Annual total: 1st April 2020 – 31st March 2021

In addition we are also requesting totals of the below questions broken down by both gender (male, female, and other/not known) and age group (16-17 year olds and 18-24 year olds)

Homelessness presentations, assessments and eligibility in 2020-2021

Within your authority in 2020-2021, how many 16-24 year olds:

1. Presented themselves as homeless, or at risk of homelessness

This does not include general housing advice. By presenting we mean all who presented themselves as homeless even if they were not subsequently assessed, for example:

- a. Presented before 56 days of becoming as homeless, or at risk of homelessness
- b. Believed they were homeless but did not meet requirements
- c. Presented but had no recourse to public funds.

2. Were assessed for a Prevention and/or Relief duty under part 7 of the Housing Act

While this assessment is a new duty brought in by the HRA, it is a duty under part 7 of the Housing Act as amended by the HRA.

3. Received an initial decision of being owed:

- a. Prevention duty under HRA
- b. Relief duty under HRA

4. Prevention duty ended:

- a. With accommodation secured
- b. Leading to relief duty
- c. Any other reason

5. Relief ended:

- a. With accommodation secured
- b. for any other reason (not including those who progress to an assessment under the Housing Act 1996)

6. Were assessed for a statutory main housing duty under part 7 of the Housing Act

By this we mean- following unsuccessful prevention and/or relief outcomes, how many young people underwent a final assessment under part 7 of the Housing Act in order to assess their eligibility for a statutory main housing duty

7. Were accepted as statutorily homeless and owed a statutory main housing duty under part 6 of the Housing Act 1996

After undergoing a final assessment, how many young people were accepted as statutorily homeless and offered a statutory main housing duty.

8. Everyone In

- a. Were Housed through Everyone In

The total number of young people who were housed through Everyone In by your Local Authority by the relevant age and gender splits for the time periods specified.

- b. Were housed through everyone In and did not start an HRA journey in FY202021

The number of people who were housed through Everyone In but had not presented to the Local Authority as homeless or at risk of homelessness and therefore were not involved in the HRA process within this given timeframe.

Please note that the P1E returns are not suitable for this request as they do not provide data broken down by age.

Data Issues:

- If it is not possible to release some or all of the specified data, please indicate why. If you are unable to release data for some of the queries, please still complete all other queries within the FOI request.
- If you are unable to release the specified data for some quarters, please still provide data for the annual total and any quarters that you are able.
- If the data requested is not recorded either at all, or in a format that is accessible for this purpose, please inform us of this and proceed to the next question.

Response

Attachment available upon request