

Request 11357 - Social housing and waiting times

I'm researching social housing waiting times for vulnerable families and individuals in the UK. Under the Freedom of Information Act, could you please provide me with the following information, specific to your council:

- In 2015/16 and 2020/21, the average length of time a household spent waiting to be moved into permanent social housing.
- In 2015/16 and 2020/21, the average length of time a household/person spent living in temporary accommodation. (Typically, are these individuals subsequently moved into permanent social housing once they leave TA?)
- As of 4 July 2022, a breakdown of how many people in each of your housing need/priority bands are waiting to be moved into permanent housing. (Can you please include the average waiting time for the different housing need/priority bands, as well as the longest wait people are experiencing in each group?)
- As of 4 July 2022, the number of people in your council area currently living in temporary accommodation who are:
 - Children; victims of domestic abuse; medically unwell and require appropriate housing to suit their needs; suffering from a mental illness; victims of violence and/or gang-related/physical threats.

Response

Thank you for your request for information above, which we have dealt with under the terms of the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

I hope the following will answer your query:

Unfortunately, we would not be able to provide some of the information requested for 2015/16, there may be information that you may find helpful via the P1E published figures, but not specific to your questions

2020/21 (2015/16 unavailable)

Type / Size wait	No. of Lets Average wait	Shortest wait	Longest
Sheltered accommodation years	61 15 months	7 weeks	10
Studio general needs months	1 6 months	6 months	6
1-bed general needs years	123 12 months	4 weeks	9
2-bed flat or maisonette years	54 8 months	3 weeks	4
2-bed house years	160 10 months	4 weeks	19
3-bed flat or maisonette months	1 21 months	21 months	21
3-bed house years	80 10 months	3 weeks	3
4-bed years	15 14 months	6 weeks	4
5-bed	0		

The average amount of time of those spent in temporary accommodation for those placed in temporary accommodation between 01.04.2020 and 31.03.2021 is 98.7887931 days (this is irrespective of whether they leave within the same period). They may move into social housing, private tenancies, with friends, family or be homeless still.

Band A = 159

Band B = 493

Band C = 592

Band D = 522

Children - 61

Victims of domestic abuse - 19

Medically unwell and require appropriate housing to suit their needs - 2

Suffering from a mental illness - 30

Victims of violence and/or gang-related/physical threats. – 8

We aim to provide a high-quality service to you and hope that you are satisfied with this response. If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.