



Further to your information request FOI/EIR 25/26-246, please find your question and our response below.

Request:

For the relevant period, please provide the following information, broken down by financial year (or calendar year, if more appropriate):

1. The total number of individuals who have approached your authority seeking assistance as homeless.

2019-2020- 536

2020-2021- 436

2021- 2022-599

2022-2023-814

2023-2024-684

2024-2025-554

2. Of those who approached your authority as homeless, how many were recognised as refugees — i.e., individuals granted refugee status or humanitarian protection with leave to remain.

2019-2020-0

2020-2021-1

2021-2022-2

2022-2023-1

2023-2024-1

2024-2025-1

3. Of the homeless individuals recognised as refugees, how many were granted their refugee status and leave to remain by a different local authority.

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4. Total annual spending on homelessness for each of the past six financial years (or as many as you are able to provide within the s.12 limit).

This should cover:

- a. Support provided under statutory homelessness duties.
- b. Support for individuals presenting informally or via referral who do not qualify for statutory assistance.

We are unable to split expenditure between a) and b) as costs for the service are not captured in this way. The figures reported reflect total net spend for the service.

2019: £130,595.97

2020: £224,012.01

2021: £391,490.00

2022: £428,484.30

2023: £43,5015.33

2024: £439,988.14

2025: to date £163,080.57

5. Of the total homelessness spend, how much was spent on homeless individuals with refugee status.

£0.00

Response:

Please see responses above in red

This concludes your request FOI/EIR 25/26-246.

If information has been refused, please treat this as a Refusal Notice for the purposes of the Act.

If you disagree with our decision or are otherwise unhappy with how we have dealt with your request in the first instance you may approach foi@eastcambs.gov.uk and request a review. A request for review must be made in no more than 40 working days from the date of this email.

Should you remain dissatisfied with the outcome you have a right under s50 of the Freedom of Information Act to appeal against the decision by contacting the Information Commissioner, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow SK9 5AF.