



Further to your information request FOI/EIR 25/26-284, please find your question and our response below.

Request:

1. How many people are currently in each of your council's priority Bands for council and housing association allocation (e.g. Number of people in Band A, B, C, D, etc)?
2. For each of your council's priority bands, how many people were allocated housing in the following financial years (1 April-31 March*): 2018-19, 2019-20, 2020-21, 2021-22, 2022-23, 2023-24, 2024-25?
3. How many people were in each of your council's priority Bands at the end of the financial year in: 2018-2019, 2019-2020, 2020-2021, 2021-2022, 2022-2023, 2023-2024, and 2024-25?
4. Do you have a quota/policy for housing allocations from each priority Band and, if so, please could you provide it?

	Urgent/ highest priority housing need (eg Band A or 1)	High priority housing need (eg Band B or 2)	Medium priority/ identified housing need (eg Band C or 3)	Low priority/ no housing need (eg Band D or 4)
Name of Band (eg 1, 2, A, B)				
2018-19 Total number of allocations				
2018-19 Number in band at end of financial year				
2019-20 Total number of allocations				
2019-20 Number in band at end of financial year				
2020-21 Total number of allocations				
2020-21 Number in band at end of financial year				
2021-22 Total number of allocations				
2021-22 Number in band at end of financial year				

2022-23 Total number of allocations				
2022-23 Number in band at end of financial year				
2023-24 Total number of allocations				
2023-24 Number in band at end of financial year				
2024-25 Total number of allocations				
2024-25 Number in band at end of financial year				
2025 Total number of allocations so far				
2025 Current number in band				

Response:

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Due to a change of software, we do not hold the information from 2018/19.

	Urgent/ highest priority housing need (eg Band A or 1)	High priority housing need (eg Band B or 2)	Medium priority/ identified housing need (eg Band C or 3)	Low priority/ no housing need (eg Band D or 4)	Extra column if needed
Name of Band (eg 1, 2, A, B)	A	B	C	D	D*
2018-19 Total number of allocations	Information Not Held	Information Not Held	Information Not Held	Information Not Held	Information Not Held
2018-19 Number in band at end of financial year	Information Not Held	Information Not Held	Information Not Held	Information Not Held	Information Not Held
2019-20 Total number of allocations	63	137	51	21	2
2019-20 Number in band at end of financial year	134	277	204	214	23
2020-21 Total number of allocations	71	92	32	24	3
2020-21 Number in band at end of financial year	185	316	272	248	27

2021-22 Total number of allocations	96	92	26	11	4
2021-22 Number in band at end of financial year	157	320	288	209	17
2022-23 Total number of allocations	99	133	39	8	1
2022-23 Number in band at end of financial year	179	354	380	240	14
2023-24 Total number of allocations	140	108	37	7	1
2023-24 Number in band at end of financial year	145	355	346	288	8
2024-25 Total number of allocations	92	203	64	10	3
2024-25 Number in band at end of financial year	121	320	383	269	15
2025 Total number of allocations so far	18	19	6	2	0
2025 Current number in band 19/09/2025	99	318	364	243	20

4. No policy for allocating to a certain number in each band. Shortlists are ranked in band and priority date order & are worked from the top. We operate choice-based lettings.

In respect of those requests that were answered in full or partially and the total refused please take this as notice under FOIA, that we:

- a) Consider the information as exempt from disclosure under the Act;
- b) Claim exempt under sections of the Act:

Section 12(4)(a) – Information Not Held

- c) State why the exemption applies:

Regulation 12 (4) a public authority may refuse to disclose information to the extent that (a) it does not hold that information when an applicant's request is received.

This concludes your request FOI/EIR 25/26-284.

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.