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Further to your information request FOI/EIR 23/24-162, please find your question and our response below.

Request:

I write to request information on the number of households claiming Universal Credit and/or housing benefit who presented to you as homeless between May 2022 and June 2023.

As part of this request, I would like this information to be broken down into the following:

- (i) The total number of households claiming Universal Credit presenting as homeless since May 2022, broken down into leasehold property, private rented and social housing;
- (i) The total number of households claiming housing benefit – part of the legacy welfare system – presenting as homeless since May 2022, broken down into leasehold property, private rented and social housing (if relevant).

If the cost of breaking down property types exceeds the figure set out in Section 12 of the FOI Act, then please provide a total amount of households presenting while claiming Universal Credit.

Response:

East Cambridgeshire District Council does not record either housing benefit or universal credit. We record that the person receive benefits, but not which specific benefits. We therefore do not hold this information.

In respect of those requests that are answered in full, partially or 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 23/24-162.

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.