



Further to your information request FOI/EIR 23/24-442, please find your question and our response below.

Request:

I write to make an amended request for information relating to the total NET (rather than gross) spending on the provision of temporary accommodation for those registering as homeless made by this council between the years 2017 and 2023.

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

- (i) The number of people placed into temporary accommodation after making a homeless application, broken down into year-by-year.
- (ii) The average length of stay in temporary accommodation after making a homeless application.
- (iii) The five longest periods of stay in temporary accommodation after making a homeless application.
- (v) The total cost of temporary accommodation to the council, broken down into costs per night, per month and per year.

Response:

(i)

General needs accommodation:

2017 – no data due to change of IT system

2018 – 17 (limited data as above)

2019 – 44

2020 – 45

2021 – 31

2022 – 54

2023 – 57

B&B accommodation not used for clients making a homeless application until:

2022/23 – 4 clients

2023 /24 – 12 clients

B&B only used for high risk not due to demand on temporary accommodation.

(ii) 6 months

(iii)

13 months (needed adapted property), 8 months, 7 months, 6 months, 2 months – general needs temporary accommodation

(v)

Can only provide costs for B&B as Housing benefit for general needs hostels is administered by a 3rd party.

2022/23 – annual cost £15,564 unable to break down any further

2023/24 – annual cost £30,977 unable to break down any further

This concludes your request FOI/EIR 23/24-442.

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.