

Further to your information request FOI/EIR 24/25-142, please find your question and our response below.

Request:

1. How many homelessness applications from refugees who were being evicted from asylum support accommodation did you receive during the period 01 January 2021 to 31 December 2021?

1.1. Of this number, how many were asking for help within 28 days of them receiving the decision on their asylum claim?

1.2. During this period, how many were housed; and

1.3. Of those who were housed, how many were recognised as being in priority need?

2. How many homelessness applications from refugees who were being evicted from asylum support accommodation did you receive during the period 01 January 2022 to 31 December 2022?

2.1. Of this number, how many were asking for help within 28 days of them receiving the decision on their asylum claim?

2.2. During this period, how many were housed;

2.3. Of those who were housed, how many were recognised as being in priority need?

3. How many homelessness applications from refugees who were being evicted from asylum support accommodation did you receive during the period 01 January 2023 to 31 December 2023?

3.1. Of this number, how many were asking for help within 28 days of them receiving the decision on their asylum claim?

3.2. During this period, how many were housed;

3.3. Of those who were housed, how many were recognised as being in priority need?

4. How many homelessness applications from refugees who were being evicted from asylum support accommodation did you receive during the period 01 January 2024 to 30 June 2024?4.1. Of this number, how many were asking for help within 28 days of them receiving the decision on their asylum claim?

4.2. During this period, how many were housed;

4.3. Of those who were housed, how many were recognised as being in priority need?

5. How do you apply the c to newly recognised refugees who are being evicted from asylum support accommodation.

5.1. Have you issued guidance to your housing officers on how to apply the priority need assessment?

6. Have you received any contact from the UK Home Office confirming how many asylum seekers will be recognised as refugees and who may therefore require support from your housing office when their asylum support is discontinued?

6.1. Please share any correspondence that is specific to the UK Home Office providing advance notice of pending claims about to receive positive decisions.

7. Are there any specific instances where you have had to write to the UK Home Office about the availability of housing for those newly recognised refugees who are being evicted from asylum support accommodation? Please share this correspondence.

8. If you have had cause to write to the UK Home Office about availability of housing for newly recognised refugees, and you have received a response, please share this response.

Response: 1.0 1.1 n/a 1.2 n/a 1.3 n/a 2.0 2.1 n/a 2.2 n/a 2.3 n/a 3.0 3.1 n/a 3.2 n/a 3.3 n/a 4.0 4.1 n/a 4.2 n/a 4.3 n/a 5. Under the same process used for all clients 5.1 Yes 6. No 6.1 n/a 7. No 8. n/a

This concludes your request FOI/EIR 24/25-142.

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.