

Our ref: FOI/RQST00007371648

Your ref: ----

17th December 2020



Request under the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002

I refer to your correspondence received on 24th November 2020 in which you requested the following information be provided to you:-

1a) How many single homeless people were accommodated in B&Bs as of April 2020?

b) How many single homeless people have been accommodated in B&Bs by the LA since April 2020?

c) How many single homeless people are currently accommodated in B&Bs by the LA?

2) Of those single homeless people currently in B&B accommodation how many have been there for:

- * one to six days
- * seven days to one month
- * one month to six months
- * six months to one year
- * more than a year

3a) What is the total cost (gross) of providing B&B accommodation since April 2020?

b) How much additional governmental funding, received during the coronavirus pandemic, was spent on housing people in B&Bs (if any)?

The Council is treating your request as a request under the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002.

I can confirm that the Council holds the information you have requested, our response is as follows:-

1a) On 1st April 2020, there were 325 single homeless households accommodated in Bed and Breakfast.

1b) Between 1st April 2020 and 24th November 2020 (the date of your request) the number of single homeless households who have been accommodated in Bed and Breakfast is 2,294

1c) On 24th November 2020 (the date of your request) there were 464 single homeless households accommodated in Bed and Breakfast.

2. Of the 464 individuals noted in question 1c) (as at 24th November 2020):

58 had been in BnB for between one and six days
137 had been in BnB between seven days and one month
229 had been in BnB between one month and six months
36 had been in BnB between six months and one year
4 had been in BnB for over one year.

3a) The total cost of providing Bed and Breakfast accommodation between 1st April 2020 and 24th November 2020 was £7.52m

3b) To date, Glasgow City Council have received an additional 3.61m in funding in relation to the costs in question 3a).

As you may be aware, due to government guidelines around social distancing, Registered Social Landlords in the city have been significantly impacted and there have been unavoidable delays in letting properties to applicants, including those who are homeless. This has inevitably led to an increased demand on temporary accommodation within the city and the length of time households have spent in temporary accommodation has increased compared to the same time period last year.

I hope the information provided is helpful.

Right of Review

If you are dissatisfied with the way Glasgow City Council has dealt with your request under the Freedom of Information Act (Scotland) 2002 you are entitled to require the Council to review its decision. Please note that for a review to take place you must:

- Lodge a written requirement for a review within 40 working days of the date of this letter
- Include a correspondence address and a description of the original request and the reason why you are dissatisfied
- Address your request to the Director of Governance and Solicitor to the Council:



City Chambers
George Square
Glasgow G2 1DU

Email: FOIreviews@glasgow.gov.uk

You will receive notice of the results of the review within 20 working days of receipt of your request. The notice will state the decision reached by the reviewing officer as well as details of how to appeal to the Scottish Information Commissioner if you are still dissatisfied with the Council's response. You must request an internal review by the Council before a complaint can be directed to the Scottish Information Commissioner. For your information at this stage, an appeal can be made to the Scottish Information Commissioner by contacting her office as follows if you do remain dissatisfied with the outcome of the Council's review decision -

Address: Kinburn Castle, Doubledykes Road, St Andrews, KY16 9DS.

Email: enquiries@itspublicknowledge.info

Telephone: 01334 464610

You can also use the Scottish Information Commissioner's online appeal service to make an application for a decision:

www.itspublicknowledge.info/appeal

Please note that you cannot make an appeal to the Scottish Information Commissioner until you have first requested an internal review by the Council.

If you wish to submit a complaint to the Council in relation to the manner in which it has handled your request for information then you can do by requesting that the Council review its decision. Details of how to request a review are set out in the above paragraph "Right of Review".

Yours sincerely

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