

Our ref: 20983

Dear [REDACTED]

Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 - Release of Information

Subject: B&B Homeless Accommodation

Thank you for your request for information of 25/10/2018 where you asked a number of questions regarding the above. Your request has been processed and considered under the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 and the information is provided below. I shall address each of your questions in turn.

You asked the following:

I am writing to get information on how long families who make a homeless application are currently spending in B&B accommodation in the local authority. (To clarify family is used to mean a couple or single parent who has one child or more, or who is pregnant.) I wanted to know:

Q1. How many families in total have been placed in B&B in the last 12 months?

I am looking for the total number from September 2017 to September 2018. I would also like to how many families were placed in B&Bs from June - September 2018.

A1. From 01/09/2017 to 31/08/2018 there were 598 families placed in B&Bs.

From 01/06/2018 to 31/08/2018 there were 199 families placed in B&Bs.

I am also looking for the following information, again for the period from September 2017 to September 2018. I would also like to how many families spent the following amounts of time in B&Bs from June - September 2018.

Q2. How many families have been placed in B&Bs in the local authority and spend seven days or less in that accommodation?

A2. From 01/09/2017 to 31/08/2018 there were 132 families (0-7 days).

From 01/06/2018 to 31/08/2018 there were 60 families (0-7 days).

Q3. How many families have spent between 8 days and one month in B&B accommodation?

A3. From 01/09/2017 to 31/08/2018 there were 277 families (8-31 days).

From 01/06/2018 to 31/08/2018 there were 103 families (8-31 days).

Q4. How many families have spent between one month and six weeks in B&B accommodation?

A4. From 01/09/2017 to 31/08/2018 there were 68 families (32-42 days).

From 01/06/2018 to 31/08/2018 there were 26 families (32-42 days).

Q5. How many families have spent between six weeks and three months in B&B accommodation?

A5. From 01/09/2017 to 31/08/2018 there were 113 families (43-92 days).

From 01/06/2018 to 31/08/2018 there were 10 families (43-92 days).

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Your right to seek a review

If you are unhappy with the way we have dealt with your request, you can ask us to review our actions and decisions by writing to the:

Head of Strategy & Insight
The City of Edinburgh Council
Waverley Court Business Centre 2:1
4, East Market Street
Edinburgh
EH8 8BG or,
Email: review@edinburgh.gov.uk

Please note that your request must be in a recordable format (email, letter, audio tape etc.), and that you have 40 working days upon receipt of this letter to ask for a review. You will receive a full response to your review request within 20 working days of its receipt. Please quote the reference number above in any future communications.

If you are not content with the outcome of the review, you can ask the Scottish Information

Commissioner to review our decision. You must submit your complaint to the Commissioner within 6 months of receiving our review response. The Commissioner can be contacted at:

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