



## Information Governance

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Dear Sir/Madam

**Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA)**  
**Request ID: REQ01206**

Thank you for your request for information relating to Housing.

Your request and our response are shown below:

**How much have you spent on private sector temporary accommodation over the period 1st January 2015 to 31st March 2016?**

Financial Year	Total Spend/ Gross cost met by Local Authority
2014/15	£336,000
2015/16	£804,000

The increase in expenditure between the two financial years is a result of various factors. These comprise:

- rising number of homelessness claims
- rising costs of placing homeless in hotels rather than traditional homeless accommodation
- Housing Benefit claimants residing in temporary accommodation for long periods of time.

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Yours faithfully

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