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Dear Sir/Madam

Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) Request ID: FOI381499616

Thank you for your request for information relating to Temporary accommodation.

You have requested the following information:

- 1. The total number of households in temporary accommodation (whether placed in council or non-council housing, whether inside or outside the local authority area) as of March (or April) 2020
- 2. The total number of households in temporary accommodation (whether placed in council or non-council housing, whether inside or outside the local authority area) as of March (or April) 2021

Questions 1 and 2 are aimed at those councils whose TA figures were not published in the corresponding quarterly statistics published by what was MHCLG - most councils can simply refer me to those MHCLG publications.

For Questions 1 and 3, we can confirm that this information is accessible to you via the MHCLG (now DHLUC) website, please use the following link for the quarterly statistics:-

https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/department-for-levelling-up-housing-and-communities/about/statistics

We therefore do not have to provide the information as per Section 21 of the FOIA.

3. The total number of households currently in temporary accommodation (whether placed in council or non-council housing, whether inside or outside the local authority area)

642 households (as at 6th December 2021).

4. The number of households that were newly placed in temporary accommodation each month since January 2021 (i.e. their tenancy/placement began that month). Preferably this figure should exclude households transferred between different temporary accommodation placements

The total number of new placements into TA (not including moves) for each month were:

Jan - 73

Feb - 93

Mar - 118

Apr - 107

May - 101

Jun - 120

Jul - 112

Aug - 128

Sep - 112

Oct - 99

5. How many households in temporary accommodation currently pay their rent either to the council or via the council?

All households are required to pay a licence fee for their temporary accommodation. The majority are supported by the benefits system to make this payment. 42 households are currently paying part or all the licence fee themselves.

- 6. Of the households in question 5, how many are currently in arrears on their rent by at least four weeks/one month (or any similar timeframe used by the council in its records, e.g. six weeks)?
- 13 households have arrears over four weeks.
- 7. Please state how many applications for homelessness support since 1st April 2021 have been rejected due to the applicant being ineligible for public funds under No Recourse to Public Funds rules this is an overall figure, not a monthly one. If a figure for NRPF is unavailable, please provide a figure for applications rejected due to the applicant being ineligible under s185 of the Housing Act 1996

We are unable to provide a figure specifically for NRPF, however 83 applications were made where the applicant was assessed as being 'not eligible' under the Housing Act 1996.

8. Were the applicants referred to in question 7 given accommodation regardless of their housing legislation eligibility (e.g. via Everyone In or a successor scheme)? Please provide any information held on how many of the applicants covered in question 7 were given accommodation in this way.

In total, eight of the applicants who were found to be 'not eligible' in question 7 were supported by

the Council's Rough Sleeper Outreach Team. Five of these were provided with accommodation through contracted services or supported to access accommodation with partner organisations.

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Yours faithfully

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