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Dear Sir/Madam

Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA)

Request ID: FOI440158164

Thank you for your request for information relating to homeless children.

You have requested the following information:

1. The number of households assessed by your local authority as being owed a prevention or relief duty due to risk of homelessness in 2018/19, 2019/20, 2020/21 and 2021/22 (or as recent as figures are held)

Following careful consideration, the information you requested falls under the exemption(s) in Section 21 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, which relates to 'information reasonably accessible to the applicant by other means.'

The exemption applies as the information is published and publicly available to view by accessing the Department for Levelling, Housing and Communities website, please use the following link:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/statistical-data-sets/live-tables-on-homelessness>

The annual tables have been published for 2018/19, 2019/20 and 2020/21. The annual table for 2021/22 has not yet been published but the information will be available soon. The annual table for 2021/22 is due to be released on 22 September 2022.

This exemption is not subject to the public interest test.

2. The number of households in the answer to (1) who had dependent children in 2018/19,

2019/20, 2020/21 and 2021/22 (or as recent as figures are held)

Please refer to Question 1.

3. The number of children (in total) in households owed a homelessness prevention duty in 2018/19, 2019/20, 2020/21 and 2021/22 (or as recent as figures are held)

The total number of children in households owed a prevention duty (based on the date that the prevention duty was owed):

2018/19: 793
2019/20: 604
2020/21: 619
2021/22: 1,003

4. The number of households with children placed in temporary accommodation by your authority at the end of 2018/19, 2019/20, 2020/21 and 2021/22 (if figures held)

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The data for end of 2018/19 is published here:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/statistics/statutory-homelessness-in-england-january-to-march-2019>

This exemption is not subject to the public interest test.

Please note the temporary accommodation statistics are published in the quarterly local authority level tables, not the financial year local authority level tables.

5. The number of households with children under five placed in temporary accommodation by your authority at the end of 2018/19, 2019/20, 2020/21 and 2021/22 (if figures held)

We confirm that we do not hold this information prior to 2020 and are advising you as per Section 1(1) of the Act. Prior to April 2020, temporary accommodation was provided by The Salvation Army under a wide-ranging contract providing various support and accommodation services to homeless households. We provide information for after April 2020 as below:

Date	Number of households
31 March 2021	131
31 March 2022	82

6. The number of children under five (in total) placed in temporary accommodation by your authority at the end of 2018/19, 2019/20, 2020/21 and 2021/22 (if figures held)

We confirm that we do not hold this information prior to 2020 and are advising you as per Section 1(1) of the Act. Prior to April 2020, temporary accommodation was provided by The Salvation Army under a wide-ranging contract providing various support and accommodation services to homeless households.

Date	Total number children under five
31 March 2021	172
31 March 2022	102

7. The number of households with children under five placed in temporary accommodation by your authority at the end of 2018/19, 2019/20, 2020/21 and 2021/22 who have been in temporary accommodation for more than six weeks

We confirm that we do not hold this information prior to 2020 and are advising you as per Section 1(1) of the Act. Prior to April 2020, temporary accommodation was provided by The Salvation Army under a wide-ranging contract providing various support and accommodation services to homeless households.

Date	Number of households
31 March 2021	128
31 March 2022	81

Please note, these figures are the number of households who were in all forms of temporary accommodation for over six weeks, not B&B type accommodation.

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Please remember to quote the reference number above in your response.

Yours faithfully

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