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Dear Sir/Madam

Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) Request ID: FOI554945940

Thank you for your request for information relating to newly recognised refugees.

You have requested the following information:

Our response is given below:

1. Number of homeless applications from newly recognised refugees in July 2023, August 2023 and September 2023

July 2023: 13 applications August 2023: 29 applications September 2023: 31 applications

<u>Please note</u> – this is applications where the reason for loss of last settled home was 'Required to leave accommodation provided by Home Office as asylum support'. It is possible to filter applications using 'refugee' as the reason for eligibility however, this will not show newly recognised refugees (they may have received refugee status some time ago).

2. Of the applicants (referred to in question one), what were the outcomes (ie. granted interim accommodation under s.188, refused, other reasons) in July 2023, August 2023 and September 2023

July 2023: 3 households were provided with temporary accommodation. 5 households were owed the prevention duty, 8 were owed the relief duty.

August 2023: 9 households were provided with temporary accommodation. 9 households were

owed the prevention duty and 20 were owed the relief duty.

September 2023: 6 households were provided with temporary accommodation. 12 households were owed the prevention duty and 19 were owed the relief duty.

3. Of the applicants (referred to in question one), what was the average number of days before the applicant was to become homeless in July 2023, August 2023 and September 2023.

July 2023: the average number of days between the case being opened and the household becoming homeless was 10 days.

August 2023: the average number of days between the case being opened and the household becoming homeless was 10 days (not including one case where the applicant became homeless 54 days before approaching the service).

September 2023: the average number of days between the case being opened and the household becoming homeless was 11 days.

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Yours faithfully

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