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Dear Sir/Madam

**Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA)
Request ID: FOI681988428**

Thank you for your request for information relating to Follow up to FOI609954104: the use of unregulated accommodation.

You have requested the following information:

I asked for the number of children placed in unregulated accommodation by the council. I asked the council to provide the figures for the following calendar years: 2023 and 2022.

The council provided a response. As a follow up to my initial request, I wondered whether the FOI team could provide the figures for the calendar year 2024 please.

I.e. between January 1st 2024 and 31st December 2024, the council placed 10 individuals under 16 in unregulated accommodation settings.

Based on the below which was in the previous FOI request:

Please note: By unregulated accommodation, I am referring to unregulated independent or semi-independent or supported placements not approved by Ofsted

Please note: By children – I mean any individuals under the age of 16

To avoid identification of the individuals, we advise between January 1st 2024 and 31st December 2024, the Council placed five or fewer individuals under 16 in unregulated accommodation settings.

Due to the low numbers involved, the Council considers that this information meets the definition for personal data set out in Section 3(2) and 3(3) of the Data Protection Act 2018 (DPA) as:

(2) personal data means any information relating to an identified or identifiable living individual (subject to subsection (14)(c))”

(3) “Identifiable living individual” means a living individual who can be identified, directly or indirectly, in particular by reference to –

*(a) an identifier such as a name, an identification number, location data or an online identifier, or
(b) one or more factors specific to the physical, physiological, genetic, mental, economic, cultural or social identity of the individual.”*

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Yours faithfully

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