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Dear Sir/Madam

Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) Request ID: FOI682670442

Thank you for your request for information relating to HMO licences in temporary accommodation.

You have requested the following information:

(Please see here for definition of TA:

https://england.shelter.org.uk/housing_advice/homelessness/temporary_housing_when_hom

1. Can you please provide me with the total number of households that are currently being provided with temporary accommodation (TA) by the council up to the date of this request.

There are currently 1,271 households accommodated in Temporary Accommodation under the various duties and powers in the Housing Act 1996 (as of 26/02/2025).

2. Of the total number of households currently in TA, can you confirm how many of those households are being housed in a House of Multiple Occupancy (HMO).

There are 205 single people in HMO accommodation.

(A HMO is a title given to properties that house three or more residents from more than one different household, who share a kitchen, toilet or bathroom facilities with the other tenants. (Landlords must apply for a specific HMO licence to be allowed to rent the property out under these conditions. Operating an unlicensed HMO is a criminal offence)

3. Of those HMOs, how many currently have a valid HMO license?

All the HMOs from private sector providers used for temporary accommodation have a HMO

licence, these checks are part of the onboarding process for Temporary Accommodation. The Council owned HMOs used as Temporary Accommodation are exempt from licensing but all of these HMOs meet the requirements of a licence.

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Yours faithfully

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