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Dear Sir/Madam

**Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA)
Request ID: FOI727990449**

Thank you for your request for information relating to Caravan dwellers.

You have requested the following information:

1) Does the council collect data on how many of its residents are living full-time in a caravan?

The Council records the number of Gypsies and Travellers living within the City biannually for the Traveller Caravan Count.

2) If yes, what is the most recent data on how many such residents there are? Please specify the time period for which this figure applies, and any relevant detail on how it was calculated – eg. is it number of residents or number of households?

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 Council website, please use the following link:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/traveller-caravan-count>

The figures for the July 2025 Traveller Count have just been submitted. The Count is undertaken every January and July and it is the number of caravans/chalets that are counted. If one Family occupy two caravans the number counted is two.

3) Is it known what proportion of caravan dwellers are from Gypsy or Traveller communities? If yes, please specify the proportion.

There are two Gypsy and Traveller residential sites within The City and both are occupied totally by Gypsies and Travellers.

4) If data is not formally collected on residents living full-time in a caravan, is the council aware of whether there are any such residents locally?

There are other residential mobile home parks within The City, for example Lady Lane Residential Park in Longford. We do not collect data for this type of mobile home park.

5) Has the council ever used caravans to temporarily accommodate people who would otherwise be homeless? If so, how many people are currently housed in this way?

No, the Council has not used caravans as temporary accommodation for homeless households and there are no people currently housed in a caravan as temporary accommodation.

6) Does the council have strategic plans which incorporate the use of caravans as temporary accommodation?

No.

7) Is the council taking any actions to assure itself of the electrical safety of caravans being used as dwellings? If yes, please briefly detail the types of actions being taken.

Of the two Gypsy and Traveller sites within the City, one is managed by a Housing Association and they will undertake electrical safety tests in amenity blocks. On the privately owned site and in the caravans/chalets on the managed site there is no mandatory electrical safety testing as the residential units are owned by the occupants.

8) In the past 12 months, has the council offered caravan dwellers any specific advice or support on electrical safety in their vehicle?

This information is not specifically recorded however the Council's Environmental Health team may provide advice when requested.

9) Does the council collect any information on a) how caravan dwellers are accessing electricity and b) which electrical items they are using? If so, please share details.

On the managed Gypsy and Traveller site, the electricity is mains supplied to each residential unit. We do not hold information pertaining to the electrical items being used and are advising you as per Section 1(1) of the Act.

10) Into the remit of which a) councillor/s and b) officer/s does the wellbeing and safety of caravan dwellers fall?

Cabinet Member for Housing and Communities. Please see the link below for further information:

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Yours faithfully

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