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Dear Sir/Madam

**Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA)
Request ID: FOI867894425**

Thank you for your request for information relating to Temporary accommodation.

You have requested the following information:

For the purposes of this request, temporary accommodation means accommodation arranged or secured by the authority to meet homelessness duties, including B&Bs and hotels, hostels, nightly-paid accommodation, private sector leased accommodation and self-contained temporary accommodation.

Question 1

Please state the total number of inspections, property standards checks or health and safety visits carried out by the authority, or on its behalf, in relation to temporary accommodation in each of the following periods:

- 2024/25
- 2025/26
- 2026/27 to date, stating the end date used

Question 2

If the authority does not hold a total figure for any of those periods, please indicate which of the following best describes the position by marking the relevant option below:

- () Inspections are carried out on a routine schedule but the total number is not centrally

recorded

- () **Inspections are carried out each time a property becomes vacant or before a new placement is made**
- () **Inspections are carried out only in response to a report, complaint or concern being raised**
- () **Inspections are carried out by the accommodation provider or landlord rather than the authority**
- () **The authority does not operate a routine inspection programme for temporary accommodation**
- () **Other – please specify**

The Council has a mixed portfolio of Temporary Accommodation, with some owned by the Council and some owned by private providers. All are subject to a routine number of inspections each year.

Pre-occupancy inspections:

All properties are inspected before they are used for the first time and following any void period before they are re-let to a new household. If any issues/hazards are identified, these must be rectified before a household is placed in the property.

2024/25: 388 inspections.

2025/26: 360 inspections.

2026/27 to date: 190 inspections (Apr 26 – Aug 26)

Council-owned Family TA:

Each property receives a full Health and Safety check annually, with another 8 routine inspections throughout the year (where any health and safety, standards or maintenance issues can be identified).

2024/25: 56 properties, receiving 56 full H&S inspections and 448 routine inspections.

2025/26: 80 properties, receiving 63 full H&S inspections and 640 routine inspections (H&S inspections lower than number of properties as some are new acquisitions)

2026/27 to date: 83 properties, 249 routine inspections completed to date (Apr 26 Aug 26). H&S annual inspections will take place in Oct/Nov 26 (this will be 83 inspections),

Council-owned Supported TA (single person households only):

Each property receives four health and safety visits each year, and weekly routine inspections (where any health and safety, standards or maintenance issues can be identified).

2024/25: 15 properties, receiving 60 health & safety inspections and 750 routine inspections.

2025/26: 16 properties, receiving 64 health & safety inspections and 800 routine inspections.

2026/27 to date: 16 properties, receiving 28 health & safety inspections and 336 routine inspections to date (Apr 26–Aug 26)

Other Temporary accommodation (private providers):

Each property receives an annual health and safety inspection, and at least two other routine inspections each year.

2024/25: 1050 health and safety inspections and approx. 2494 routine inspections

2025/26: 904 health and safety inspections and approx. 2524 routine inspections.

2026/27 to date: approx. 996 health and safety inspections and 1962 routine inspections

We do not hold data on any inspections that may be carried out by the private providers themselves.

Inspections can also be carried out on an ad hoc basis when issues are reported to the Accommodation Team. We are unable to provide figures for these ad-hoc inspections as they are not recorded in a reportable format.

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Yours faithfully

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