

(CCC) Homelessness

1. What did the Council spend on housing people in Bed & Breakfasts over the past 12 months compared to the previous year and the last five years?
2. How many people did the Council house in Bed & Breakfasts over the past 12 months?
3. What proportion of people in temporary accommodation were housed in Bed & Breakfasts over the past 12 months compared to the previous year?

Response

Please note, we make every effort to only place people in hotels or other emergency accommodation for short periods while we wait for temporary accommodation to become available.

We avoid placing households with children or pregnancy in hotel accommodation wherever possible and monitor this closely. Figures for households with children/pregnancy in B&B are available in the City Council's Key Facts publications under section HRS6 and can be found here:

<https://www.cambridge.gov.uk/housing-research>

1. What did the Council spend on housing people in Bed & Breakfasts over the past 12 months compared to the previous year and the last five years?
 - a. Figures are only available for previous financial years rather than 12-month periods (July to July). These figures do not include the costs of providing emergency accommodation due to Covid under the 'Everyone In' scheme.
 - b. 2020 -21: £110,028
 - c. 2019 – 20: £198,837
 - d. 2018 – 19: £49,208
 - e. 2017 – 18: £50,039
 - f. 2016 – 17: £106,422
 - g. 2015 – 16: £122,547
2. How many people did the Council house in Bed & Breakfasts over the past 12 months?
 - a. Number of households placed in emergency accommodation 2020/21 – 203
3. What proportion of people in temporary accommodation were housed in Bed & Breakfasts over the past 12 months compared to the previous year?
 - a. Please note: households are generally only placed in emergency accommodation (i.e. hotels) for a short period until temporary accommodation becomes available. The figures below do not mean that 69% of applicants were in B&B for the duration of their duty to be accommodated.
 - b. 2019-20: 69% of households accommodated were placed in emergency accommodation before going on to temporary accommodation when it became available.
 - c. 2020-21: 61% of households accommodated were placed in emergency accommodation before going on to temporary accommodation when it became available.

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