

(CCC) Homelessness

For each of the last five full financial years (2016-17, 17-18, 18-19, 19-20, 20-21) and for this financial year to date, how much money has the Council spent on providing accommodation for homeless people from within their authority area, in another authority's area?

By homeless I mean temporarily housed (including families) by the council, as well as rough sleepers.

If that's too broad, then just rough sleepers please.

If five years takes too much time to look into, please only look for last three, if that's still too much, just look into this financial year to date.

Thank you for your request for information above, which we have dealt with under the terms of the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

I hope the following will answer your query:

Below is a table showing the amount spent on out of area 'B&B' accommodation. To provide some context on these figures:

- The gross amounts shown are the amount spent by CCC before housing benefit (HB) costs are recouped. Where applicants are not entitled to benefits due to having their own financial resources, they would be expected to meet the cost of accommodation themselves.
- HB income generally amounts to 80% of expenditure, so the final costs to the council are around 20% of the initial spend.
- The HB income is not recorded in the same finance reporting as the expenditure; therefore, it was not possible to accurately provide a net figure without having to create new information (see 1.3 of the Freedom of Information Code of Practice). However, we made an estimated calculation to illustrate the likely final costs to the authority of providing accommodation.

Year	Total spend (gross)	Estimated net spend
2021-22 YTD	£28,644.90	£5,728.00
2020-21	£131,814.96	£26,363.00
2019-20	£148,142.83	£28,228.00
2018-19	£23,945.58	£7,186.00
2017-18	£28,045.49	£5,609.00

Further queries on this matter should be directed to foi@cambridge.gov.uk