

(CCC) Emergency Housing

Please may you provide me with:

1. Do you currently use emergency housing that has been converted from offices or other commercial uses in the last 5 years? If Yes:-
 - a) How many families with children are currently living in converted buildings
 - b) How many families with children in these building are sharing communal cooking facilities
 - c) How many families with children in these buildings are sharing communal bathrooms
2. How many households with children are currently registered for bidding for a council home?
3. For households with children which have been allocated permanent housing with three bedrooms or more since 23 March 2020, what was the average time they spent on the housing waiting list?
4. What is the number of households with children you currently have waiting for a decision on their homelessness application?
5. Since 23 March 2020, how many households with children in temporary accommodation have waited for a decision on homelessness beyond 56 days?
6. For those households with children who are currently living in temporary housing, what is the average time they have spent in temporary housing so far?
7. For those households with children who are currently living in emergency housing, what is the average time they have spent in emergency housing so far?
8. How many households with children are currently living in emergency housing?
9. From 1 April 2020 to 31 March 2021, how many households with children made homelessness applications to the council?
10. From 1 April 2019 to 31 March 2020, how many households with children made homelessness applications to the council?

Response

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2. How many households with children are currently registered for bidding for a council home? 954 – however a small number of these may be adults bidding for a 2 bedroom property together due to medical needs
3. For households with children which have been allocated permanent housing with three bedrooms or more since 23 March 2020, what was the average time they spent on the housing waiting list? 371 days for 3 bedrooms and 420 for 4 bedrooms+ for 2020-21 - this link to our Key Facts document contains the most

recent data on this under HL8*(b) and this can document can be found on our public website - Strategic Housing key facts, April to June 2021 - Cambridge City Council

4. What is the number of households with children you currently have waiting for a decision on their homelessness application? 88

5. Since 23 March 2020, how many households with children in temporary accommodation have waited for a decision on homelessness beyond 56 days? Applicants placed into temporary accommodation will almost always be owed a 56 day relief duty. The decision on the main homelessness duty is made at the end of this 56 day relief period, and only if the homelessness wasn't successfully relieved during this time. In other words, it's standard practice for households in temporary accommodation to be issued with a decision on the main homelessness duty beyond 56 days. A decision on the main duty will not be issued before then.

6. For those households with children who are currently living in temporary housing, what is the average time they have spent in temporary housing so far? 192

7. For those households with children who are currently living in emergency housing, what is the average time they have spent in emergency housing so far? This relates to the answer to Q8 below and the household in the hostel has been there since 3 February and the Bed and Breakfast households have been there since 1 October. I calculate this as an average of 87 days rounded to the nearest day for the 3 households.

8. How many households with children are currently living in emergency housing? 3 - 1 in a hostel and 2 in Bed and Breakfast accommodation.

9. From 1 April 2020 to 31 March 2021, how many households with children made homelessness applications to the council? 184

10. From 1 April 2019 to 31 March 2020, how many households with children made homelessness applications to the council? 239

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