

(CCC) Homelessness

I hereby request the following information regarding your Council's use of Houses of Multiple Occupation (HMO)* (please see below the definition) and homelessness.

Questions:

1. How many rooms in HMO's were booked by the Council for each full month from September 2019 up to and including January 2020? (Please note that I do not mean new bookings, but rather I mean the total number being used by the Council during each month.)

Note that, because you have asked for 'bookings', we have not included shared accommodation that is in the Council's direct ownership or is being leased, just accommodation that the Council would need to procure on a case-by-case basis. Q2 suggests that you are seeking information on commercial bookings only.

Month	No of HMOs booked by the Council once or more in the month
September 2019	Nil
October 2019	Nil
November 2019	Nil
December 2019	Nil
January 2020	Nil

2. What rate was being paid per night by the Council for each HMO room? If there was a range of rates charged for HMO rooms being used by the Council, please provide details of with the 3 lowest rates per night and 3 most expensive rates per night.

Not applicable.

3. How many hotel and bed & breakfast rooms were booked by the Council to be used to house individuals who was owed a duty by the Council under homelessness legislation for each full month from September 2019 up to and including January 2020? (Please note that I do not mean new bookings, but rather I mean the total number being used by the Council during each month.)

Note that we are interpreting you to mean the number of rooms being used by one or more separate applicants during the course of a month (rather than the number of applicant households being placed). Please also note that, as you have used the phrase 'individuals' we have understood that you are looking for information on single people placed in emergency accommodation. Therefore these figures do not include households of more than one person. However, you have not specified 'individuals' in Q1, simply 'rooms', so if we are incorrect in this assumption, please advise.

Month	No of rooms being used for single people once or more in month	
September 2019	28	
October 2019	21	
November 2019	22	
December 2019	26	
January 2020	22	

4. How many new applications did the Council receive for homelessness from 1st September 2019 up to and including 31st January 2020?

381

It is not clear whether you required this question to be limited to single people (for comparative purposes). You have used the term 'applications', so we have included ALL applications (including those from families).

5. Due to the Covid-19 Crisis the Government launch a scheme called "Everyone in" which sought to ensure all rough sleepers were taken off the streets and housed during the pandemic. How many rough sleepers did the council take off the street under this Scheme?

To date, the Council has placed 147 individuals under 'Everyone In'

6. Please provide the amount of emergency funding received by the Council under the "Everyone in" scheme?

We have not yet received any funding, but have been allocated £24,750.00. We are currently submitting a claim for a considerably higher sum to meet our expenditure in excess of £400,000.

* An HMO as defined by the Government as a home where:

- at least 3 tenants live there, forming more than 1 household;
- tenants share toilet, bathroom or kitchen facilities with other tenants

A household is either a single person or members of the same family who live together.

A family includes people who are:

- married or living together - including people in same-sex relationships
- relatives or half-relatives, for example grandparents, aunts, uncles, siblings step-parents and step-children

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