

(CCC) 'Everyone In' support scheme for rough sleepers during the Covid-19 pandemic

I am making this request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 and on behalf of the Refugee, Asylum and Migration Policy (RAMP) project.

The Government claims to have helped 33,000 people through their 'Everyone In' rough sleeping strategy since the Covid-19 pandemic began. However, we know that not all of the 33,000 people were funded by the Ministry of Housing, Communities & Local Government, particularly if they had 'No Recourse to Public Funds' (NRPF) conditions attached to their immigration status. Local authorities have picked up the bill for providing accommodation to those with NRPF and RAMP is seeking to find out exactly how many people fall into this category.

I am therefore requesting the following information about the 'Everyone In' support scheme for rough sleepers during the Covid-19 pandemic:

1. Based on the data you have already provided for the Government dataset 'Coronavirus (COVID-19) emergency accommodation survey data: November 2020' (which can be found here: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-emergency-accommodation-survey-data-november-2020>), how many of the total number of people listed as 'currently being provided with emergency accommodation in response to Covid-19 pandemic' in your local authority district (see Table 1) were;

1. Funded solely by the Ministry of Housing, Communities & Local Government's 'Everyone In' scheme
2. Funded directly by the local authority because they had 'No Recourse to Public Funds' conditions attached to their immigration status
3. Funded directly by the local authority for another reason (please specify)
4. Funded by a source other than the Ministry of Housing, Communities & Local Government or the local authority (please specify)

1. Funded solely by the Ministry of Housing, Communities & Local Government's 'Everyone In' scheme

None

2. Funded directly by the local authority because they had 'No Recourse to Public Funds' conditions attached to their immigration status.

None

3. Funded directly by the local authority for another reason (please specify)

All (in part).

4. Funded by a source other than the Ministry of Housing, Communities & Local Government, or the local authority (please specify)

None.

The reason for these responses is that the 'Everyone In' initiative has been joint funded by a) MHCLG funding, b) local authority funding and c) reclaiming of Housing Benefit for those in accommodation – with additional voluntary support from local charities and grassroots organisations. We have not differentiated between those that may not have Recourse to Public Funds. All individuals are supported by the blend of funding.

2. Based on the data you have already provided for the Government dataset 'Coronavirus (COVID-19) emergency accommodation survey data: November 2020' (which can be found here:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-emergency-accommodation-survey-data-november-2020>), how many of the total number of people listed as having 'moved into settled accommodation or a rough sleeping pathway outside of temporary accommodation since the Covid-19 response began' in your local authority district (see Table 2) were;

1. Funded solely by the Ministry of Housing, Communities & Local Government's 'Everyone In' scheme
2. Funded directly by the local authority because they had 'No Recourse to Public Funds' conditions attached to their immigration status
3. Funded directly by the local authority for another reason (please specify)
4. Funded by a source other than the Ministry of Housing, Communities & Local Government, or the local authority (please specify)

Please see response above.

3. As of 28 January 2021;

1. How many people are currently being provided with emergency accommodation in response to the Covid-19 pandemic in your local authority district: 54

2. Of those people currently being provided with emergency accommodation, how many have 'No Recourse to Public Funds' conditions attached to their immigration status. Following a comprehensive exercise to assist individuals into eligibility where possible, 1 person.

3. How many people have been moved into settled accommodation or a rough sleeping pathway outside of temporary accommodation since the Covid-19 response began in your local authority district: 75 (we have not included those who have moved on independently following resettlement support)

4. Of those people who have been moved into settled accommodation or a rough sleeping pathway outside of temporary accommodation, how many have 'No Recourse to Public Funds' conditions attached to their immigration status.

We cannot give a definitive answer to this question. Detailed investigations into recourse for public funds would only take place if an applicant submits a homeless application to this authority under Housing Act 1996 Part VII. Many of the individuals whom we have assisted with emergency accommodation during the pandemic have not submitted formal homeless applications, and support workers have worked with them to resolve their eligibility status and housing situation. 2 people were known to have no recourse to public funds when moved into settled accommodation or a rough sleeping pathway outside of temporary accommodation, and it is estimated that a further 6-8 people would have had no recourse to public funds when entering emergency accommodation but have been assisted to improve their situation.

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