

## Accommodation provider information for South Area

**Request:** can you please under FOI provide details of providers in the southern area on the number of occasions over the past 3 years where the NIHE have used either hotels or accommodation providers and the costs of such arrangements.

**Response:**

1. *The table below details the number of placements in non-standard (B&B/Hotel) provided by staff in South Area Housing Solutions and Support Team (HSST) over the past three years.*

Year	Number of Placements in Non-standard
2020/21	198
2021/22	132
2022/23	102

2. *The table below details the total cost of placements in non-standard (B&B/Hotel) provided by staff in South Area Housing Solutions and Support Team (HSST) over the past three years.*

Year	Cost of Placements in Non-standard
2020/21	£113,601
2021/22	£22,556
2022/23	£99,474

*It should be noted that the numbers and costs refer to the area from which the applicant presented (South Area) rather than the area to which the placement was made.*

*It should be noted figures for 2021/22 reflect a change in approach whereby the COVID-19 external accommodation voucher which was previously allocated to area office was stopped. As a result such vouchers were allocated to the central costs and is therefore not reflected in the above costs. It is not possible to allocate these costs by area. In 2022/23 vouchers were again linked to area offices which addressed this issue.*