

24 January 2024

**Our Ref: FOI 254**

## **Request**

We received your request on 02 January 2024 for the following information:

*Please can I request the number of deaths from 1st January 2023 – 31st December 2023 (inclusive) in each of the following housing situations in your local authority area:*

- *accommodation for homeless people commissioned by your council, including hostels and supported accommodation for people identified as rough sleeping or with a history of rough sleeping*
- *exempt accommodation*
- *temporary accommodation commissioned by your local authority*
- *supported accommodation for homeless young people commissioned by your council*
- *rough sleeping or with no fixed abode*

*Where you have access to any of the following information, please include the cause of death or suspected cause of death, date of death, the person's gender, the person's age when they died, their ethnicity, and their immigration status. If you cannot provide any of this additional information, then please just provide the number of deaths.*

*Please provide the information in the Excel document attached.*

*If it is not possible to provide the information requested due to the information exceeding the cost of compliance limits identified in Section 12, please provide advice and assistance, under the Section 16 obligations of the Act, as to how I can refine my request.*

*If you have any queries please don't hesitate to contact me via email and I will be very happy to clarify what I am asking for and discuss the request, my details are outlined below.*

Your request has been handled under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA).

## Our response

The Supporting People Programme, which is administered by the Housing Executive on behalf of the Department for Communities, provides grant funding towards the provision of housing related support. Housing Related Support is provided in part, through short term Accommodation-based services for People Experiencing Homelessness and Young People. Please find below information related to deaths from 1st January 2023 – 31st December 2023, reported to Supporting People.

Type of accommodation	Date of death
Short-Term Supported Accommodation - Homeless	01/01/2023
Short-Term Supported Accommodation - Homeless	28/01/2023
Short-Term Supported Accommodation - Homeless	01/02/2023
Short-Term Supported Accommodation - Homeless	15/02/2023
Short-Term Supported Accommodation - Homeless	03/05/2023
Short-Term Supported Accommodation - Homeless	26/06/2023
Short-Term Supported Accommodation - Homeless	04/08/2023
Short-Term Supported Accommodation - Homeless	10/08/2023
Short-Term Supported Accommodation - Homeless	15/08/2023
Short-Term Supported Accommodation - Homeless	25/08/2023
Short-Term Supported Accommodation - Homeless	29/09/2023
Short-Term Supported Accommodation - Homeless	22/10/2023
Short-Term Supported Accommodation - Homeless	02/11/2023
Short-Term Supported Accommodation - Homeless	26/11/2023

The above information includes the following reported deaths: one from natural causes, one overdose, one road traffic accident, three suspected overdoses and eight unexpected.

We have not linked the date of death with cause of death to avoid providing personally identifiable information and information provided in confidence. We have relied on exemptions at section 40(2) personal information and section 41 (information provided in confidence).

Please note, we do not hold information to meet the request of Age, Gender, Ethnicity or Immigration status. Additionally, we do not hold information on any deaths within supported accommodation for young people from 1st January 2023 – 31st December 2023.

In relation to rough sleeping or no fixed abode, the Housing Executive does not collect this data. The Housing Executive cannot therefore provide the information requested.

This concludes our response.