



14 November 2025

Dear Applicant

Our Ref: FOI 967

Your request for information received on 16 October 2025 has been handled under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA).

Request

- 1) Please confirm which costs homeless applicants who have no or partial entitlement to Housing Benefit have to pay when placed in non-standard temporary accommodation like hotels and B&Bs?*
- 2) When referring to single lets, the FOI response (FOI_932) states that if there is no entitlement to Housing Benefit, the applicant is required to pay the relevant LHA amount. Does this mean the relevant LHA for the size of the property or the LHA for the needs of the household? For example, if an applicant require them to pay the 3 bedroom rate or the 2 bedroom rate of LHA?*

Our response

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As temporary accommodation such as hotels and B&Bs are only used in the absence of any other available options, for as short a duration as possible, the Housing Executive do not currently apply costs to homeless applicants who have no or partial entitlement to Housing Benefit when placed in non-standard accommodation.

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In cases where an applicant is placed in a single let the relevant Local Housing Allowance rate applied is based on the actual size of the single let property in the relevant postcode; it is not based on the bedroom requirement of the household.

The Housing Executive endeavours to match homeless applicants to temporary accommodation placements that align with the bedroom requirements of the household where possible.

This concludes our response.