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Request

We received your request on 05 November 2024 for the following information:

I was hoping you could help me. I am working with an 18 year old care leaver who has been using crash beds for the last two weeks. There has been 5 occasions where he was unable to get a crash bed. I would like to advocate that his social work team provide more help and support for him. To help my argument – would you be able to let me know how many crash beds there are currently and would you have the stats for the last week for the number of people looking for a crash bed?

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

Our response

The Housing Executive has access to 11 crash beds used by our out of hours homelessness service. While the Housing Executive does not record information on the number of people looking for a crash bed the Housing Executive can confirm that due to the nature of demand on temporary accommodation, options in voluntary sector hostels such as crash beds are fully utilised. On occasions when crash beds are fully utilised the Housing Executive will explore other options with non-standard temporary accommodation (Hotel/B&Bs) used as a last resort.

This concludes our response.