

26 March 2024

Our Ref: FOI 314

Request

We received your request on 15 February 2024 for the following information:

With regards to the provision of temporary accommodation, please can you provide: The number of people who have been placed in temporary accommodation over the last five years. Please provide a breakdown per year. With regards to people currently housed in temporary accommodation, please can you confirm how many people are housed in each of the categories of temporary accommodation: Voluntary sector hostels, Housing Executive owned hostels, Dispersed intensively managed emergency accommodation for users with high support needs, Single-lets (units leased from private landlords or companies), Non-standard temporary accommodation (hotels and bed & breakfasts). Please confirm how long on average people are living in temporary accommodation. Please confirm how many people have spent five or more years in temporary accommodation. Please confirm how much has been spent on funding temporary accommodation over the last five years. Please break costs down per year and type of accommodation (as listed in question 2) Please provide this information in excel format.

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

Our response

1 The number of people who have been placed in temporary accommodation over the last five years. Please provide a breakdown per year.

The Housing Executive records placements by household, not by individuals and the data provided below reflects the number of placements made over the 2018/19 to 2022/23 period.

It should be noted that some households will have been placed more than once during any financial year.

Accommodation	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23
Bespoke Facility of Temporary Accom	0	0	103	156	170
Crash: Voluntary Sector	0	0	126	72	129
External	971	1,648	5,350	4,170	3,809
Leased Property	238	239	490	1,324	2,426
NIHE HOSTELS	270	264	389	341	334
Private Single Lets	1,238	1,485	1,936	1,584	1,859
Voluntary Sector Hostels	367	891	1,358	1,618	1,526
Grand Total	3,354	4,527	9,752	9,265	10,253

2 With regards to people currently housed in temporary accommodation, please can you confirm how many people are housed in each of the categories of temporary accommodation:

- ***Voluntary sector hostels***
- ***Housing Executive owned hostels***
- ***Dispersed intensively managed emergency accommodation for users with high support needs***
- ***Single-lets (units leased from private landlords or companies)***
- ***Non-standard temporary accommodation (hotels and bed & breakfasts)***

Household placements into Temporary Accommodation on 31st December 2023 by type are outlined in the table below.

Accommodation	Homeless placement (household)
Bespoke Facility of Temporary Accommodation	39
Crash: Voluntary Sector	19
HMO	3
Hotel\B&B	395

Leased Property	115
NIHE HOSTELS	281
Private Single lets	2810
Voluntary Sector Hostels	801
Grand Total	4,463

3 Please confirm how long on average people are living in temporary accommodation.

Data on temporary accommodation placements and length of stay is published on a regular basis by the Department for Communities NI. The most recent published data for December 2023 in regard to the length of stay within temporary accommodation is available within table 3.5 [here](#).

4 Please confirm how many people have spent five or more years in temporary accommodation.

As per the most recent published data, 279 placements in temporary accommodation have been placed for a period of 5 years or more.

5 Please confirm how much has been spent on funding temporary accommodation over the last five years. Please break costs down per year and type of accommodation (as listed in question 2)

Expenditure on Temporary Accommodation for the period April 2018 – March 2023 is outlined below.

	Total Temporary Accommodation (£)				
	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23
Single Lets	3,863,048	4,484,337	7,498,307	11,106,276	15,481,881
Non-Standard	912,448	1,932,228	5,092,003	5,766,931	7,621,285
DIME	989,369	1,056,029	1,604,503	1,765,747	43,307
BFTA	-	-	196,277	480,178	563,298
Grand Total	5,764,865	7,472,594	14,391,090	19,119,131	23,709,772

Please see Supporting People grant funding spent on the delivery of housing support, in short term accommodation for the homeless thematic group, over the last five years detailed below:

	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	Total
	£k	£k	£k	£k	£k	£k
Voluntary Sector Hostels	18,688	19,640	19,593	18,898	20,974	97,793
Dispersed Intensively Managed Emergency Accommodation	687	739	1,037	1,296	1,556	5,315
NIHE Owned	330	287	287	287	308	1,499
Totals	19,705	20,666	20,917	20,481	22,838	104,607

Please see assumptions and notes below.

Assumptions – Supporting People

- Figures show what the Supporting People section has spent over the period in question in grant funding the delivery of housing support in short term accommodation for the homeless thematic group.
- Includes Block Gross Accommodation only (Short Term Accommodation Based Housing Support Schemes which receive a fixed 4-weekly payment).
- The above is expenditure in delivering housing support to homeless people who are temporarily in the accommodation concerned (which includes NIHE hostels), rather than in actually acquiring the premises.

Please note.

- No SP expenditure on any of the following: Single-lets, Non-standard temporary accommodation.

This concludes our response.