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## FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST 1234

I write further to your email dated 06 July 2020

Your request has been dealt with under the terms of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA), explained on our [freedom of information](#) page.

Your request:

### **Rough Sleeper Next Steps and Recovery: Initial Plan**

*This document is designed to assist with Next Steps planning for those who have been accommodated in response to the Covid-19 pandemic.*

*The document asks for information on;*

- *Cohort size and needs,*
- *Proposals for interim and move on accommodation*
- *Where existing resource can fund move-on options (e.g. Rough Sleeping Initiative (RS) Year 3)*

### **Glossary**

1. **Emergency COVID-19 accommodation (EA)** – hotels or other temporary accommodation acquired since 18 March in response to the Covid-19 pandemic and which has a time-limited availability.
2. **Temporary accommodation (TA)** – Accommodation available as Council TA or newly secured on a temporary basis (e.g. YHA, student halls etc) which you anticipate will continue to be available beyond the 'lockdown' period
3. **Short/medium term accommodation** – accommodation which is suitable for short to medium-term occupation whilst move on accommodation is procured e.g student accommodation, Council TA, supported exempt accommodation, caravans, property guardianships.
4. **Move-on accommodation** – accommodation which is suitable for longer-term residence) e.g. supported housing with move on, private rental sector (PRS), council lettings, RP lettings, return to family/friends.

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<b>Please state all local authorities included if responding on behalf of a joint RSI allocation</b>	Section 3 relates to NWLDC, Blaby, Oadby and Wigston, Melton,

	Charnwood, Hinckley and Bosworth, Harborough and Rutland								
<b>Date</b>	8 <sup>th</sup> June 2020								
<b>1. Current Cohort</b>									
a. Please provide the number of single people currently in emergency accommodation in response to the Covid-19 pandemic (see glossary above).	4								
b. Where you have concerns regarding emergency accommodation that will not be available for as long as you would need it, please set this out, indicating the number of individuals affected and any end dates of concern	n/a								
c. Please provide the number of single people currently in Temporary Accommodation (TA) in response to the Covid-19 pandemic (see glossary above).	0								
d. Of the people in accommodation how many do you estimate will need the following types of accommodation and support to move on  I. Housing First/Supported Housing with intensive support II. Supported housing or housing led with floating support III. PRS/social housing tenancy with start-up floating support IV. Assistance to reconnect to family and friends/return home	<table border="0"> <tr> <td>i.</td> <td>0</td> </tr> <tr> <td>ii.</td> <td>4</td> </tr> <tr> <td>iii.</td> <td>0</td> </tr> <tr> <td>iv.</td> <td>0</td> </tr> </table> <p>We have been moving through members of this cohort for some weeks into PRS/Social Housing the residual need is for more focussed accommodation based support</p>	i.	0	ii.	4	iii.	0	iv.	0
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e. Of the people in accommodation how many do you estimate:  I. Are EEA nationals with no access to public funds  II. Other Non UK Nationals with no recourse to public funds by condition of their immigration status?	<table border="0"> <tr> <td>i.</td> <td>0</td> </tr> <tr> <td>ii.</td> <td>0</td> </tr> </table>	i.	0	ii.	0				
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f. Of the people accommodated how many will require self-contained accommodation because they are at increased risk of severe illness from Covid-19, some of whom will be <a href="#">clinically extremely vulnerable</a> and must continue to be shielded?	0								
g. Is your answer to f. above an estimate or based on completed assessments?									
<b>2. Please set out your move on plans. Please make clear options that are already in place, those that are being developed and those which you propose to develop. State types of accommodation and numbers.</b>									
<b>Short/medium-term accommodation units</b>	NUMBER of UNITS: 0								
Units you have or in development, and when expected to be available	0								
Please set out your proposals for delivering additional short/medium term accommodation units	n/a any arising need will be met through existing arrangements								

<b>Move-on accommodation</b>	NUMBER of UNITS: 4
Units you have or in development and when expected to be available	0
Please set out your proposals for delivering additional move on accommodation units	We have a number of partners with whom we have worked on supported accommodation in recent years and we will discuss additional capacity with them. These are likely to be voluntary sector lead leased units with support attached
<b>Other accommodation options</b>	0
How many do you estimate will be reconnected to friends/family or other support networks	
How many do you estimate will be reconnected to friends/family or other support networks outside the UK, through international reconnection?	n/a
<b>What are the additional support or other services associated with the above accommodation plans (e.g. floating or on-site support, admin, any other accommodation related services)</b>	
The increase in cases approaching seeking housing assistance as a result of Covid-19 and the breakdown of existing relationships has stretched the capacity of existing support services. To successfully manage the transition this cohort there is likely to be a demand for additional low level floating support as clients transition through services	
<b>3. Existing funding that Could Assist with Next Steps</b>	
We are aware that some RSI Y3 projects may have been delayed from starting due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Please list name and type of intervention(s) set out in your MOU that are not commenced / delayed (estimate no. months delayed)	All elements of the RSI Y3 project have now commenced
We are aware that some RSI Y3 projects may now be undeliverable or no longer appropriate due to the COVID-19 pandemic. List name and type of intervention(s) set out in your MOU that are now undeliverable/in appropriate	Not applicable see above
Estimate the total amount of RSI funding from April 2020 – March 2021 that could be repurposed to accommodating and	none

supporting people who were placed in emergency COVID-19 accommodation.	
Estimate the total amount from other funding streams which could be used to accommodate and support people who were placed in emergency COVID-19 emergency accommodation.	Throughout the lockdown period we have utilised existing pathways and funding where possible to facilitate move on for this cohort. There are no discrete funding sources that can be repurposed but where eligible clients have accessed existing services.

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Yours sincerely

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