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## **FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST 987**

I write further to your email dated 31 October 2019.

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

Your request:

1. If possible: How many medical assessment cases for homelessness or housing applications has the council undertaken? (Broken down by year).
2. Of these assessments, how many has the company NowMedical advised on? (Broken down by year)
3. For each year, how much was paid to NowMedical?

(Please provide the answers to questions 1-3 in an Excel or CSV file).

4. When does the council's current contract with NowMedical run to?

Our response:

- 1) We do not apply a formal medical assessment we make a pragmatic decision based on all of the available evidence in relation to both the households medical circumstances and their current accommodation if relevant on cases that have a medical element to them, both housing application and homelessness.
- 2) This assessment is carried out in house and we do not employ any external organisation to carry this out. Evidence will only be sought from organisations working with the household currently.
- 3) We have never employed now medical or made any payment to them as far as I am aware.
- 4) N/A

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