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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST 996

I write further to your email dated 28 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. Please provide the total number of households to whom the local authority accepted a duty to accommodate under sections 188, 190, 193 or 200 of the Housing Act 1996 in the period(s):

2014/15 -
2015/16 -
2016/17 -
2017/18 -
2018/19 (to date) -

And of those:

1. Which local authority areas were the recipients of the individuals/families? :
2. How many these included families with children? :
3. Where any of the people housed out of area subject to any checks on criminal background? :

2. Please provide a copy of your authority's policy or policies in respect of the relocation of homeless households with temporary accommodation both inside and outside of the borough.

3. Please provide a copy of your authority's policy on the procurement of temporary accommodation in respect of your homelessness duties.

4. Please provide details, including name, address and contact details, of any organisation that you use in either the actual relocation, or assistance in the relocation of, homeless households outside of borough.

You added:

In addition to my Freedom of Information request earlier today, could I please also request the following:

In relation to the number of households to whom the local authority accepted a duty to accommodate under the Housing Act 1996 in the periods below, how many people were placed in local authority area other than your own? This is in relation to:

2014/15 -
2015/16 -
2016/17 -
2017/18 -
2018/19 (to date) -

Our response:

Question 1

Due to a change in the system used we are unable to extract new data regarding your question. A previous request asked:

“What was the number of Households in temporary accommodation organised by the council in each of the years from 2010-2018?”

2014	Not known
2015	25
2016	15
2017	24
2018	41
2019	Not known

Question 2 and 3

I can confirm that North West Leicestershire District Council holds the information you have requested. However, our temporary accommodation policy is currently in the process of being adopted. It will be available on our website when this has concluded. Therefore, it is exempt from disclosure under section 22 of the FOIA.

When applying an exemption under section 22 of the FOIA, the Council must consider whether to do so is in the public interest. In this case, we consider that the public interest favours withholding the information at this time because it will be available at a future date.

Question 4

We do not use any organisations to assist in the process of relocation.

Additional question:

Due to a change in the system used we are unable to extract new data regarding your question. A previous request asked:

“How many households were given temporary accommodation outside of the council area in each of the years from 2010-2018?”

2014	Not known
2015	22
2016	9
2017	8
2018	23
2019	Not known

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Please remember to quote the Authority's three digit reference number given at the top of this email in any future communications.

If you remain dissatisfied following the conclusion of the above informal review, you have the right to ask for an internal review. A request for a review whether formal or informal should be submitted within two calendar months of the date of receipt of the response to your original letter and should be sent to DPO@NWLeicestershire.gov.uk or the address above.

Further details on our appeals and complaints procedure can be found on our website [here](#).

If you remain dissatisfied following the conclusion of the internal review, you have the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at accessicoinformation@ico.org.uk.