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Request

I am seeking information relating to accommodation that has been classed as 'exempt.' I am seeking the housing benefit paid for such accommodation, broken down to include housing benefit and service charges as outlined below.

Exempt accommodation is defined as:

Exempt accommodation" is a term used in Housing Benefit and Universal Credit to describe supported accommodation where the rules that normally limit the amount of rent covered by a benefit award do not apply. The usual meaning of "exempt accommodation" is where the accommodation is provided by a landlord in the social or voluntary sector and the benefit claimant is provided with care, support, or supervision by the landlord or by someone acting on the Landlord's behalf.

A claimant: Occupying exempt accommodation does not have their housing benefit restricted to the local housing allowance.

Please can you disclose the following:

- Details of the lowest awarded eligible core rent.
- 2. Details of the highest awarded eligible core rent. £206.12
- 3. Details of the lowest awarded gross eligible rent (i.e. inclusive of the core rent and the eligible service charges); and £135
- 4. Please confirm the names of exempt accommodation providers in your area. Please name the providers/landlords who currently hold exempt accommodation status in respect of any of their residents.
 - Bespoke Supportive Tenancies
 - Emmaus
 - Golden Lane Housing
 - Hyde Housing
 - Winchester Beacon
 - Two Saints
 - > Trinity
- 5. Please confirm the lowest and highest paid for temporary/emergency accommodation on a nightly rate basis and

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- 6. Please confirm the lowest and highest amount paid to landlords and/or suppliers for temporary/emergency accommodation on a lease basis broken down by property type (table below)
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