

FOI REF:	15937
RESPONSE SENT:	18/08/2025

Request

Dear Sir/Madam

I am requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act. This request is for councils that operate a social housing register, regardless of whether or not they are themselves a provider of social/council housing.

In the following questions, "backdated households" are those where, as described above, the date they are recorded as having joined the register/band is administratively backdated to a point that may be before when they actually joined the register/band. This *may* apply to care leavers, depending on the council's recordkeeping policy. It may be that there are no such households under the council's recordkeeping policy for its social housing register. Questions that do not explicitly refer to "backdated households" are asking for data that includes those backdated households plus all other applicable households. Please ask me for clarification if unclear on this (or any other) point.

My questions are:

1. The average time (in days) the households currently in the highest priority band on the council's social housing register have been in that specific priority band for (thus excluding any time they may have previously spent in other bands)
2. The number of households included in the question 1 data
3. The question 1 figure excluding backdated households
4. The number of households included in the question 3 data (i.e. excluding backdated households)
5. The average time (in days) the households currently in the second-highest priority band on the council's social housing register have been in that specific priority band for (thus excluding any time they may have previously spent in other bands)
6. The number of households included in the question 5 data
7. The question 5 figure excluding backdated households
8. The number of households included in the question 7 data (i.e. excluding backdated households)
9. Among households in the highest priority band who were rehoused in financial year 2024/25 (and thus left the social housing register), the average time (in days) they had been in the highest priority band for at the time they were rehoused
10. The number of households included in the question 9 data
11. The question 9 figure excluding backdated households
12. The number of households included in the question 11 data (i.e. excluding backdated households)
13. Among households in the second-highest priority band who were rehoused in financial year 2024/25 (and thus left the social housing register), the average time (in days) they had been in the second-highest priority band for at the time they were rehoused
14. The number of households included in the question 13 data
15. The question 13 figure excluding backdated households



16. The number of households included in the question 15 data (i.e. excluding backdated households)

Please note these questions are based on priority bands *not on the number of bedrooms*.

If the information for questions 9-16 is not available by financial year, please provide it for calendar year 2024. If average times cannot be provided in days, please provide them in weeks (or, if nothing else is available, months).

If the information for any question cannot be sourced, please mark that question as “information not held” and provide the remainder of the information.

Response

Please note Winchester City Council does not artificially backdate applications. As a result, the figures for questions 1,2,5,6,9,10,13 and 14 are mirrored in the response to questions 3,4,7,8,11,12,15 and 16.

Question	Answer
1	350
2	2
3	350
4	2
5	805
6	235
7	805
8	235
9	288
10	7
11	288
12	7
13	514
14	226
15	514
16	226

