

FOI REF:	15772
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Request

I am writing to make a formal request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000

Background and Public Interest - This request forms part of our comprehensive national research examining the intersection of disability, homelessness, and child poverty across England. The information will be used to:

- Inform evidence-based policy recommendations to government
- Support our advocacy work for vulnerable children
- Contribute to public discourse on housing and disability policy
- Guide our charitable support services and resource allocation

We believe this research serves a clear public interest in understanding and addressing inequalities faced by some of society's most vulnerable children.

Information Requested

For your local authority area, please provide the following information regarding children (aged 0-18) currently living in temporary accommodation who have been identified as disabled:

Primary Data Request:

1. Total number of disabled children currently in temporary accommodation (or as of the most recent date for which data is available - please specify the date)

Breakdown Information (if held):

2. Disability categories - breakdown by type of disability using your authority's recording system (e.g., physical disability, learning disability, autism spectrum conditions, sensory impairments, mental health conditions, multiple disabilities)

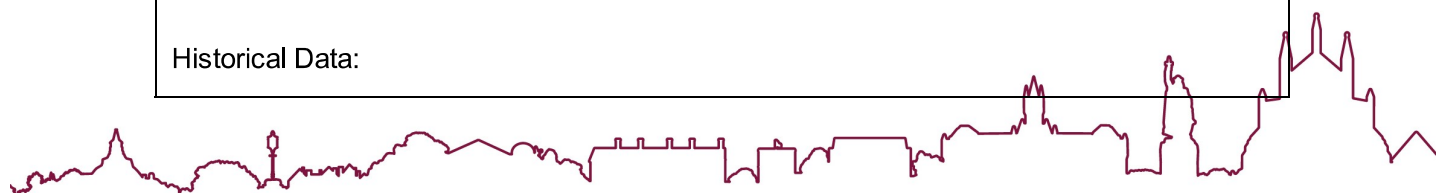
3. Demographics:

- Age ranges (e.g., 0-5, 6-11, 12-17 years)
- Gender breakdown

4. Accommodation details (if recorded):

- Types of temporary accommodation (e.g., B&B, hostels, temporary housing units)
- Average length of stay in temporary accommodation

Historical Data:



5. Annual figures for the past 10 years (2014-2024) showing trends in numbers of disabled children in temporary accommodation, or for whatever period records are available.

Format and Clarifications

- Preferred format:

Excel spreadsheet or CSV file, with PDF acceptable if other formats unavailable

- Disability definition: Please use whatever definition/criteria your authority uses to identify disabled children (e.g., EHCP, disability register, social care assessments)

- Data currency: Please specify the date to which the current figures relate

- Nil returns: If no data is held in any category, please confirm this explicitly

Data Protection and Usage

All information will be handled in accordance with GDPR and data protection legislation. No individual children will be identifiable from our research outputs. Aggregated data will be used solely for research, policy development, and charitable purposes.

Request Scope

We understand some requested information may not be held or may be exempt under FOI provisions. Please provide whatever information is available and specify if any elements cannot be provided, with reasons.

Response

Data correct as of 25/07/2025

1. Total number of disabled children currently in temporary accommodation as of today's date: 6
2. Disability categories - breakdown by type of disability using your authority's recording system (e.g., physical disability, learning disability, autism spectrum conditions, sensory impairments, mental health conditions, multiple disabilities)
 - Autism spectrum disorders: 3
 - Learning disability: 2
 - Mental health conditions: 1
 - Physical disability: 1

3. Demographics:

Age ranges

- 0-5: 2
- 6-11: 3
- 12-17: 1

Gender breakdown



- Male – 3
- Female - 3

4. Accommodation details (if recorded):

Types of temporary accommodation

- LA owned – shared facilities – 2
- LA owned self- contained - 4

Average length of stay in temporary accommodation

- Less than a month – 2
- 1-6 months – 2
- 6-12 months - 1
- 2 years - 1

