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Request

Please treat the following as a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. I am requesting the following data for the last five (5) years to date of this request, broken down by year where applicable:

1. Social Housing & Irregular Migrants / Asylum Seekers

The number of social housing properties used to house irregular migrants in the area.

The number of social housing properties used to house asylum seekers.

2. Private Rented Housing & Irregular Migrants / Asylum Seekers

The number of irregular migrants housed in private rented accommodation in the local authority area.

The number of asylum seekers housed in private rented accommodation in the local authority area.

3. Evictions Related to Serco Housing Contracts

The number of residents reported to the council as being evicted due to landlords transferring properties to Serco, broken down by the nationality of those evicted.

Regardless of who reported the case, the total number of people who approached the council regarding eviction where the property was later transferred to Serco.

4. Social Housing Stock

The total number of social housing properties in the area.

The number of social housing properties currently empty.

5. Housing Need & Homelessness

The total number of people currently seeking housing assistance from the council.

Of that total, how many are:

Facing eviction.

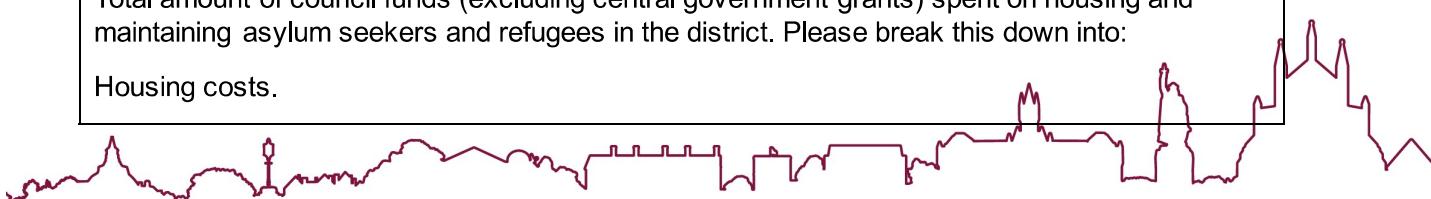
Currently homeless.

(Please provide a breakdown between those facing eviction and those who are homeless.)

6. Council Expenditure on Asylum Seekers & Refugees

Total amount of council funds (excluding central government grants) spent on housing and maintaining asylum seekers and refugees in the district. Please break this down into:

Housing costs.



Maintenance costs.

Total value of other benefits or items funded by the council for asylum seekers and refugees (e.g., food, TV licensing, activities).

7. Reimbursement from Central Government

The total amount reimbursed to the council by central government for housing and supporting asylum seekers and refugees in the district.

Please provide the data in a clear tabular format where possible..

Response

1. Social Housing & Irregular Migrants / Asylum Seekers: 0 with WCC stock. We cannot provide information on other registered providers.

The number of social housing properties used to house asylum seekers : As above.

2. Private Rented Housing & Irregular Migrants / Asylum Seekers

The number of irregular migrants housed in private rented accommodation in the local authority area – We do not have access to this information. Please refer to The Home Office for a FOI. public.enquiries@homeoffice.gov.uk

The number of asylum seekers housed in private rented accommodation in the local authority area – As above.

3. Evictions Related to Serco Housing Contracts.

The number of residents reported to the council as being evicted due to landlords transferring properties to Serco, broken down by the nationality of those evicted.

0 reported to Winchester City Council.

Regardless of who reported the case, the total number of people who approached the council regarding eviction where the property was later transferred to Serco – 0 reported to WCC.

4. Social Housing Stock.

The total number of social housing properties in the area – Unable to provide this information. Not all Registered Providers of Social housing in Winchester are Registered Partners of the Hampshire Home Choice social housing Register, nor in any

way affiliated to Winchester City Council. In addition, we do not retain accurate stock levels for each housing provider with social housing stock in Winchester.

The number of social housing properties currently empty – Unable to provide this information. We do not keep records of the number of social housing properties currently empty. Individual social housing landlords within the Winchester District would hold this information.

5. Housing Need & Homelessness –

The total number of people currently seeking housing assistance from the council. Current case loads show 199 total open cases. A portion of these will be waiting on administrative tasks to be closed, or moved on from Triage to a Duty owed.

Of that total, how many are:

Facing eviction. 57 cases currently open under the prevention of homelessness.

Currently homeless. 51 cases currently under the relief of homelessness duty.

6. Council Expenditure on Asylum Seekers & Refugees:

Total amount of council funds (excluding central government grants) spent on housing and maintaining asylum seekers and refugees in the district. Please break this down into:

1 April 2024 to 31 March 2025:

Housing costs. £7088.39

Maintenance costs: circa £20,000 per annum for maintenance costs to 9 properties. I only have access to 4 years 22/23 23/24 and 25/26 are all 0.

Total value of other benefits or items funded by the council for asylum seekers and refugees (e.g., food, TV licensing, activities) – 0

7. Reimbursement from Central Government

The total amount reimbursed to the council by central government for housing and supporting asylum seekers and refugees in the district – £148,100

