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Request

Dear Council FOI Team,

I am writing to request the following information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 in relation to damp and mould in council-owned housing stock, ahead of Awaab's Law being introduced in October 2025.

Please could you tell me:

1. The total amount of money allocated by your council in the 2025/26 financial year specifically for remediation, repairs, or prevention of damp and mould issues in council-owned housing, including any budget or resource set aside in preparation for compliance with Awaab's Law.
2. The total amount spent in the previous two financial years (2023/24 and 2024/25) on remediation, repairs, or prevention of damp and mould issues in council-owned housing (the same purpose of spend as in question 1).
3. The total number of damp and mould inspections completed in 2023/24 and 2024/25.
4. The council's target number of damp and mould inspections for the entirety of 2025/26 financial year. If no formal target has been set, please confirm.
5. If available, please provide a short description of how the 2025/26 budget allocation for damp and mould remediation to comply with Awaab's Law will be used (e.g. new staffing, inspections, repairs, new technology, tenant support, or other measures)..

Response

1. We have set an overall budget for 2025/26 to meet all our statutory requirements which includes damp and mould. We would expect to spend a similar amount for 2025/26 as the previous financial year (circa £200,000). We have the ability to move funds across budget lines to meet the service demand.
2. We are not able to report reliably on works relating to damp and mould issues for 2023/24 and 2024/25 as these repairs were categorised as standard repairs across most of those two years. Our computer procedure for handling damp and mould works was implemented in December 2024. For the 4 months between December 2024 and March 2025, repair orders were completed totalling £49,900. We can extrapolate this by 12/4 which suggests we spent circa £150,000 across the full 12 months period for 2024/25
3. As with the previous response we implemented our procedures for damp and mould in December 2024. In the period from December 2024 to March 2025 we carried out 69

damp and mould surveys. If we extrapolate this by 12/4 it suggests we carried out circa 210 damp and mould surveys for the full 12 months period for 2024/25

4. We have not set out a target number of surveys for 2025/26. All resident enquiries that require a survey will be resourced. Based on the volume of surveys carried out since 1st April 2025 to date we anticipate that the volume will be circa 200, similar to the amount stated for 2024/25.
5. We calculate our repairs budget to meet all out statutory requirements which includes damp and mould. We do not allocate a specific budget for damp and mould, we have an annual budget for all repairs. We anticipate spending a similar amount in 2025/26 as the previous year, between £150,000 and £200,000. We have the ability to move funds across budget lines if damp and mould expenditure increases. We don't not allocate management costs and overheads across specific workstreams.

