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Department: **Housing**
Title: **Homelessness and out of area**
Description: **Homelessness placements outside of district**

Request: (As Redacted sent by requestor)

- In meeting your duties to homeless households as per Part VII of the Housing Act 1996 (as amended by the Homelessness Reduction Act 2017) how many households have you arranged accommodation for outside of your district / borough in the last four quarters (ie from the quarter starting July 1 2019 to the quarter ending June 30 2020)?

- How many households have you arranged accommodation for in total in the same time period?

-For both of the above can you breakdown the number of households by those with children and those without?

- How many notifications of out-of-district placements made by other councils in your district /borough have you received in this time period?

- Do you have local authority staff procuring accommodation for you to use in meeting your duties to homeless households (as above) in other parts of the country, and if so, where?

Response: (Response as Redacted sent by service)

1. 39 households
2. 151 households
3. Out of borough placements – 11 households with children, 28 households without children. All placements – 79 households with children, 72 households without children
4. Unfortunately we are unable to provide accurate information on this question
5. We have staff procuring accommodation but always aim to procure properties in the local area or county where possible

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Thank you for your request.

Kind regards

Information Services