



Reference: FOI1832

Request:

The Requested Information The Homelessness Reduction Act (HRA) was introduced across England on 3 April 2018. Local authorities have new duties to assist anyone who is eligible and homeless or threatened with homelessness. The new prevention and relief duties require councils to 'take reasonable steps' to help anyone who approaches them who will be homeless in the next 56 days, and to help anyone who is already homeless, to find accommodation. I would like to find out more about the children who are being supported by these new duties. The prevention duty (section 195) applies when a local authority is satisfied that an applicant is eligible for assistance and threatened with homelessness. The relief duty (section 189B) applies when a local authority is satisfied that an applicant is eligible and homeless. I want to find out how many children are owed the prevention and relief duty.

The request I would like to request the following data:

1. The number of children who were owed the prevention duty (section 195) from April 2018 to March 2019
2. The number of children who were owed the relief duty (section 189B) from April 2018 to March 2019

Response:

1. The number of children who were owed the prevention duty (section 195) from April 2018 to March 2019

Between April 2018 – March 2019 – there were 259 children owed the prevention duty. This was across 152 families.

2. The number of children who were owed the relief duty (section 189B) from April 2018 to March 2019

Between April 2018 - March 2019 – there were 149 children owed the relief duty. This was across 76 families.