



Reference: FOI-304

Request:

Please may I request the following information for your Local Authority area:

1. Any data collected on who turns down support offered by Local Authority outreach teams. This could include demographic/circumstantial information (i.e. why they refuse/where they are staying) on who disengages and the number of people. By 'outreach teams': I am referring to any departments that offer support to those experiencing homelessness to assist people off the streets. This captures people who do not apply for homelessness support but are otherwise approached.
2. Any data collected on people who stay in squats, including the number of people who are arrested or cautioned for squatting in the Local Authority.
3. Any data collected on people residing in unconventional accommodation types such as temporary structures.
4. A breakdown of where people are counted in local rough sleeping snapshots (e.g., cars, sheds, doorways).
5. Data collected on the number of people staying in overcrowded and concealed households and any accompanying demographic information such as sex, age, ethnicity.
6. Data collected on the number of people who "sofa surf" or stay temporarily in the homes of others.

Response:

1. Information not held - Changing Lives (independent organisation) provide outreach services in the borough – those who are contacted by changing lives will then be encouraged to make a homelessness application. No data is held on any refusal of service.
2. The Authority has 3 recorded cases of squatting in the previous 12 months. All three cases were following the death of the tenant where there was no legal entitlement for succession of tenancy for any remaining occupants. The Authority looks to work with the individuals to rehouse them but as they have no right to a tenancy at the address, they are classed as "squatting". No additional details are held.
3. The Authority has 1x verified/recorded case of an individual residing in a tent.



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4. No data is held for this i.e., no figures are recorded. Rough sleepers have been found in metro stations, shop doorways, coastal promenade, parks, car parks but no data is actually held.

5.

Age	16-18	18-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65-74	75+	Total
Sharing facilities	2	230	288	178	81	55	27	10	871
Overcrowded by 1 bedroom	0	10	75	69	16	8	2	0	180
Overcrowded by 2 bedrooms or more	0	10	1	0	2	2	0	0	15

Please note, age is the only demographic information held.

6. NTC has 173 cases recorded where an applicant has stated they are 'sofa surfing' or are at no fixed abode in the last financial year.