



Reference: RFI 1801076

Request:

I am seeking information about the potential impact of central government welfare reform policies on eviction rates and geographical displacement of households with council housing tenancies. My information request relates to three welfare reform policies:

- Under-Occupancy (also known as Removal of Spare Room Subsidy / Bedroom Tax)
- The Benefit Cap
- Universal Credit roll-out

I understand that under Section 16 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 there is a duty to assist and advise the requester. I would appreciate your advice if you think my request needs any clarification in order to get the information that I am looking for, or if it would exceed the cost limit in its present form.

1. Please provide an annual breakdown since April 2010 of the total number of unique council tenancies - including the total number of people recorded as living in them - that have been evicted due to the non-payment of rent arrears.

Year	Total evicted for rent arrears	Total number recorded living in tenancies
2010	31	75
2011	54	150
2012	49	122
2013	80	249
2014	68	189
2015	74	186
2016	76	187
2017	81	212
2018	3	6

2. For each year of this annual breakdown since April 2013, please disclose how many of these evicted households - including the total number of people recorded as living in them - had at some point been affected by:

a. Under-occupancy

The authority does not hold this information for former tenancies in a format that allows us to collate this information.

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b. Under-occupancy and the Benefit Cap

For those affected by the benefit cap the information is as follows:

Year	Total evicted for rent arrears	Affected by Cap	Total number recorded living in tenancies
2010	31	0	0
2011	54	0	0
2012	49	0	0
2013	80	0	0
2014	68	0	0
2015	74	1	3
2016	76	1	5
2017	81	1	4
2018	3	0	0

c. Under-occupancy and the Benefit Cap and Universal Credit roll-out

For those on Universal Credit (and impacted by the benefit cap) the information is as follows:

Year	Total evicted for rent arrears	Affected by Cap	Total number recorded living in tenancies	On UC	Total number recorded living in tenancies
2010	31	0	0	0	0
2011	54	0	0	0	0
2012	49	0	0	0	0
2013	80	0	0	0	0
2014	68	0	0	0	0
2015	74	1	3	0	0
2016	76	1	5	9	19
2017	81	1	4	13	24
2018	3	0	0	1	1

3. How many of the evicted households affected by a, b, or c - including the total number of people recorded as living in them - went on to make a successful homelessness application to the local authority?

The authority does not collect data in this format

4. Of these successful homeless applications, please disclose how many households - including the total number of people recorded as living in them - were placed in temporary accommodation in a different local authority area and disclose the destination local authority area in each case.

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