

29 April 2024

Freedom of Information Request, Oxford City Council – Reference: **FOI2024/00370**

Further to our acknowledgement, we can confirm that Oxford City Council can advise as follows in response to your Freedom of Information Request received on 28 March:

Request

I am requesting the following information under the Freedom of Information Act:

1. The amount of money the council paid to providers of temporary accommodation in calendar year 2023, broken down by individual provider (i.e. showing how much was paid to each provider). If the information is not available by calendar year, please provide the figures for the 2023/24 financial year (year-to-date if necessary).

Unfortunately, we are not able to fully breakdown the exact costs per supplier or provide a sufficient estimate at this stage. This is due to extensive work still needing to be carried out at financial year end by our accounts and payments Team to accurately reconcile spend.

However, I can confirm the total spend for the year was £1,693,230 and below is a list of some of the suppliers we currently utilise.

MR S & MRS P RAMDOO WHITE HOUSE VIEW GUEST HOUSE
BUCKINGHAM HOTEL
OXFORD BED & BREAKFAST LTD
Travelodge
Mount Pleasant Hotel
Easy Hotel
Ramada
Premier Inn
Central Backpackers
Almond Tree Hotel

2. The number of households currently living in temporary accommodation. This includes households that the council has placed inside or outside the local authority area, but excludes households placed inside the local authority area by other councils

245.

3. Of the placements referred to in response to question 2, how many placements have their rent fully covered by the government subsidy<<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/housing-benefit-subsidy-guidance-manual-2020-to-2021/section-6-temporary-accommodation>> for temporary accommodation costs (i.e. up to 90 percent of January 2011 Local Housing Allowance rates)?

All TA provided by OCC is charged either at or below the government subsidy. Eligible residents can claim housing costs to support with these rental charges.

4. In calendar year 2023, how many households did the council assess as having made themselves "intentionally homeless" due to rent arrears?

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5. In calendar year 2023, how many households did the council end its homelessness duty towards due to the household's refusal to accept an offer of housing outside the local authority area? If the information for any question/s cannot be sourced within the section 12 cost limit, please mark that question as "information not held" and respond to the remainder of the request. Please note that this is not the same as asking the council to "run the meter" up to the section 12 cost limit. Please email me the information using an editable Excel spreadsheet (not pdf).

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If you disagree with any part of the response to your request, you are entitled to ask the Council for an internal review of the decision(s) made. You may do this by writing to the Monitoring Officer, by either email monitoringofficer@oxford.gov.uk – or by post to Monitoring Officer, Oxford City Council, Town Hall, St Aldate's, Oxford, OX1 1BX. After the result of the internal review, if you remain dissatisfied, you may ask the Information Commissioner to intervene on your behalf. You may do this by writing to the Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF.

Yours sincerely,

Freedom of Information Officer

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