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Freedom of Information Request, Oxford City Council – Reference: **FOI2023/00635**

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 5 December:

Request

I am writing to you under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 to request the following Information.

I am seeking information regarding the provision of temporary accommodation in your local authority. I am seeking answers to the following:

1. Could you please provide me with a breakdown of the number of individuals/families you housed in temporary accommodation each year for the previous four years? Could you please break this down by financial year starting from 2019/20?

Number of placements in temporary accommodation	
2019/20	124
2020/21	171
2021/22	167
2022/23	212

2. Could you please provide me with the total amount spent on temporary accommodation across the last five years? Could you please break this down by financial year starting 2019/20

2019/20	£605,403
2020/21	£291,069
2021/22	£571,129
2022/23	£698,759

3. Could you please provide the names of all of the companies you paid for accommodation that was used as temporary accommodation across the last four years? Could you please break this down by financial year starting 2019/20?

Could this be providing on an excel spreadsheet in the below format for each year:

Name of company

Number of temporary accommodation (rooms/flats)

Total amount paid 19/20

eg) Temporary Accommodation Hotels Ltd.

39 rooms

£43,000

TA providers Ltd

4 rooms

£12,000

If you are unable to provide this four all for years but can provide for the last one, or two etc, please do that.

If it is not possible to provide the information requested due to the information exceeding the cost of compliance limits identified in Section 12, please provide advice and assistance, under the Section 16 obligations of the Act, as to how I can refine my request.

If you can identify any ways that my request could be refined, I would be grateful for any further advice and assistance.

Please do not hesitate to contact me via my email address if there are any queries.

Oxford City Council uses council owned accommodation for temporary accommodation where possible – but will use hotels/B&Bs for emergency accommodation where there is no other more suitable temporary accommodation available.

Attached in Excel, as requested. Please note we are not able to provide breakdown for 2019/2020.

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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