

19 October 2023

Freedom of Information Request, Oxford City Council – Reference: **FOI2023/00345**

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 25 September 2023:

Request

1. The total expenditure by your local authority on providing temporary accommodation in the private rental sector for each year since 2019.
2. A breakdown of the total expenditure for each year on: (a.) rent paid to private landlords, (b.) deposits, (c.) fees/commissions paid to letting agents, and (d.) any other associated costs (please specify)

I would like this information provided in an Excel spreadsheet or other digital document format if possible.

Response

The Council stopped using private sector leased accommodation in 2019. Only 2 landlords were still being used during 2019. Oxford City Council paid £77004 for the Private Sector Leased (PSL) Accommodation during 2019 before it was handed back.

The use of PSL accommodation is being kept under review and may be used again in the future if needed to help meet the rising numbers of households approaching Oxford City Council as homeless and requiring temporary accommodation.

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