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**Request:**

1. How many Specified Exempt Supported Accommodation cases are currently receiving Housing Benefit?

**295**

2. How many Specified General Supported Accommodation cases are currently receiving Housing Benefit?

**5**

3. How many Specified Domestic Violence Hostel cases are currently receiving Housing Benefit?

**None**

4. How many Specified Local Authority Hostel cases are currently receiving Housing Benefit?

**None**

5. What is the highest eligible gross rent being paid for a Specified Exempt Supported Accommodation case by Housing Benefits?

**The highest gross rent is £1420.77. The highest weekly HB entitlement is £382.12.**

6. What is the lowest eligible gross rent being paid for a Specified Exempt Supported Accommodation case by Housing Benefits?

**The lowest gross rent is £75.95. The lowest weekly HB entitlement being paid is £72.80**

7. How many Specified Exempt Supported Accommodation cases are currently receiving Housing Benefit for the following eligible rent ranges: £150.00 per week eligible gross - £250.00 per week eligible?

**124**

£251.00 per week eligible gross - £300.00 per week eligible gross?

**61**

£301.00 per week eligible gross - £400.00 per week eligible gross?

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Greater than £400.00 per week eligible gross?

28

8. How many Specified General or Exempt Supported Accommodation cases have been referred to the Rent Officer service (VOA)?

5

9. How many Specified Exempt Supported Accommodation cases are being paid where the Local Authority is only receiving 60% subsidy?

5

10. How many Specified Exempt Supported Accommodation claims have received an 'unreasonably high' rent decision?

None

11. Please provide an estimate of the gross expenditure on Specified Exempt Supported Accommodation in 2016/17, 2017/18 and 2019 financial years by the Cell Number against which the expenditure has been reported in the Council's Subsidy Claim for that year.

**As the appropriate claims would have to be checked against the individual subsidy cells for the individual subsidy years stipulated, this /part of the request is refused under s12 (1) Freedom of Information Act 2000, since the cost of complying would exceed the appropriate limit set out in the Freedom of Information and Data Protection (Appropriate Limit and Fees) Regulations 2004.**

**In assessing the cost of complying, the costs attributable to officer time involved in complying have been considered. Such costs are limited to £450.00 under the Regulations, which equates to eighteen hours of officer time.**

12. In respect of the 2018/19 estimate of expenditure in Question 2 what is the name of each landlord in respect of which claims were paid and the total amount paid to each?

**This information is withheld under Section 40(2) of the Act. Information is exempt from disclosure if it is the personal data of an individual other than the requester and where the disclosure of that personal data would be in breach of any of the data protection principles.**

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13. How many Specified Exempt Supported Accommodation cases were receiving Housing Benefit for the week commencing 30 September and how much was the weekly gross eligible rent, split by type of accommodation (eg exempt, specified temporary etc) and the category of support (eg homelessness, drug and alcohol, mental health learning disabilities etc)?

**255 - as at 30.09.19**

**251 - Long Term exempt accommodation/ Short Term Emergency /Transitional Exempt accommodation (The highest weekly gross rent was £1420.77 and the lowest £75.95)**

**4 - Long Term Specified Accommodation/ Short Term Emergency/ Transitional Specified (The highest weekly gross rent was £154.33 and the lowest 90.90)**

**The accommodation is not split further by type of accommodation**

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