

From: [Foi Enquiries](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: FOI-17-0991 - Temporary Accommodation
Date: 31 July 2017 15:17:35
Attachments: [Further Information - Right to Review & Appeal.pdf](#)

Dear [REDACTED],

Thank you for your information request of 24 July 2017. Aberdeen City Council (ACC) has completed the necessary search for the information requested.

Under the act, I wish to be provided with the following details regarding the amount paid by Aberdeen City Council for temporary accommodation.

I am looking for the length of stay in temporary accommodation and cost of each individuals placement in temporary accommodation.

In each instance I would like to know how much it cost Aberdeen City Council, what accommodation was provided giving the name and address of the hotel, guest house or B&B etc, how many adults were given the accommodation and how many children were given the accommodation.

1. The amount paid by Aberdeen City Council on paying for temporary accommodation for homeless people in the period 2012/13, 2013/14, 2014/15, 2015/16, 2016/17.

Year	Spend £
2012/13	5,584,156.37
2013/14	6,219,889.60
2014/15	7,103,629.97
2015/16	7,959,943.13
2016/17	7,368,697.11

For each payment please provide the following:

1. What accommodation was provided giving the name and address of the hotel, guest house or B&B etc.

ACC is unable to provide you with information on **What accommodation was provided giving the name and address of the hotel, guest house or B&B etc** as it is exempt from disclosure. In order to comply with its obligations under the terms of Section 16 of the FOISA, ACC hereby gives notice that we are refusing your request under the terms of Section 39(1) – Health, Safety and the Environment – of the FOISA.

In making this decision ACC considered the following points:

ACC is of the opinion that Section 39(1) applies to the information specified above, as the information in question may concern individual who may be vulnerable and/or fleeing domestic abuse. To release the information may disclose their potential whereabouts and may place them in physical or mental danger.

As a local authority Aberdeen City Council has a statutory responsibility where they have reason to believe a person is homeless or threatened with homelessness to provide temporary accommodation while they are going through the statutory homeless process. As this includes clients who are vulnerable and/or fleeing domestic abuse it would not be appropriate to name any of the hotels, guesthouses or B&B's used. It would not be appropriate to release this information into the public domain.

2. How much it cost Aberdeen City Council to provide the accommodation in each instance?

3. How long homeless people were put up in temporary accommodation in each instance?

Over the period 2012/13 to 2016/17 9741 temporary accommodation tenancies have been created. Therefore to provide this information for each applicant would be an excessive cost.

We would have to manually have check household composition and which of these households were provided temporary accommodation due to homelessness as this cannot be linked via business objects against historic cases.

ACC is unable to provide you with information on **How much it cost Aberdeen City Council to provide the accommodation in each instance** and **How long homeless people were put up in temporary accommodation in each instance** as the cost of providing it has been calculated as being in excess of the statutory maximum (£600). This has been calculated at 5 minutes per file, which equates to 812 hours, at the cost of £12,176.25 in total.

In order to comply with its obligations under the terms of Section 16 of the FOISA, ACC hereby give notice that we are refusing your request under the terms of Section 12 - Excessive Cost of Compliance - of the FOISA.

ACC would be happy to discuss ways in which you may refine your request, so we can provide some information of interest to you within the maximum cost limits. Please do contact the Information Compliance team, who will be happy to advise you, if this is something you would like to pursue.

4. How many adults were given the accommodation?

The number of homeless applicants who were give temporary accommodation in this period is only available from 2013/14 as this is when HL3 recording started.

Number of adult applicants entering temporary accommodation from 2013/14 to 2016/17 is as follows:

2013/14	756
2014/15	1356
2015/16	1427
2016/17	1080

ACC is unable to provide you with information on **How many adults were given the accommodation in 2012/13** as it is not held by ACC. In order to comply with its obligations under the terms of Section 17 of the FOISA, ACC hereby gives notice that this information is not held by it.

5. How many children were given the accommodation?

This information is not held by ACC.

ACC is unable to provide you with information on **How many children were given the accommodation** as it is not held by ACC. In order to comply with its obligations under the terms of Section 17 of the FOISA, ACC hereby gives notice that this information is not held by it.

However, the number of households in temporary accommodation with children at the end of each quarter is published by the Scottish Government here:

<http://www.gov.scot/Topics/Statistics/Browse/Housing-Regeneration/RefTables>

We hope this helps with your request.

Yours sincerely,

Information Compliance Team

INFORMATION ABOUT THE HANDLING OF YOUR REQUEST

ACC handled your request for information in accordance with the provisions of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002. Please refer to the attached PDF for more information about your rights under FOISA.

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