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To: [REDACTED]
Subject: FOI-17-1318 - Temporary Accommodation
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Dear [REDACTED],

Thank you for your information request of 13 September 2017. Aberdeen City Council (ACC) has completed the necessary search for the information requested.

I am writing to make a request under the Freedom of Information Act for information to temporary housing provided the council.

Specifically, I would like the following information:

1. The number of people who have been housed in temporary accommodation after making a homelessness application in each of the past six years. Please provide a breakdown for each year.

YEAR	Total
2017 (To 31 st Aug)	758
2016	969
2015	897
2014	797
2013	850
2012	837

2. The number of people in each of the different types of temporary accommodation after making a homelessness application in each of the past six years. By 'type of temporary accommodation' I mean hostels, B and Bs, council properties, private rentals, etc. The answer to this could look something like this:

2011 x in Hostels; y in private rentals, etc

Please provide a breakdown for each year.

We are unable to answer this question as we do not hold this information. To explain, we are unable to link the application to the type of tenancy provided.

ACC is unable to provide you with information on **The number of people in each of the different types of temporary accommodation after making a homelessness application in each of the past six years** 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.

We do report on the percentage of households who required temporary accommodation that were offered it but not a breakdown of the type of accommodation offered. We also record the average length of time (in days) per placement in temporary accommodation with a breakdown of type and the percentage of offers refused by type if that is of interest to you?

3. The average length of time people spent in temporary accommodation after making a homelessness application to the council in each of the past six years. Please provide a breakdown for each year.

YEAR	Av Weeks
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2017 (To 31st Aug)	22.3
2016	26.0
2015	27.8
2014	22.1
2013	17.7
2012	19.3

4. The gross cost to the council of temporary accommodation for people who made homelessness applications in each of the past six years.

Please provide a breakdown of costs for each year by each type of accommodation (2011 £x on Hostels; £y on private rentals, etc.; 2012....)

B&B		Hotels		Hostels		Temp Flats		PSL	
Year	Spend £	Year	Spend £	Year	Spend £	Year	Spend £	Year	Spend £
2012	627,098.44	2012	35,400.52	2012	1,577,127.94	2012	4,176,054.21	2012	399,376.13
2013	280,250.50	2013	0.00	2013	995,931.55	2013	3,547,319.40	2013	447,307.40
2014	515,751.48	2014	564,853.07	2014	1,769,845.72	2014	2,953,826.38	2014	677,713.98
2015	342,284.66	2015	947,563.50	2015	1,570,335.75	2015	4,636,603.94	2015	670,895.35
2016	668,817.54	2016	218,951.53	2016	1,830,725.52	2016	4,111,649.60	2016	1,161,157.67
2017	491,864.74	2017	1,388.00	2017	1,348,579.72	2017	3,959,445.18	2017	1,031,534.18
	2,434,202.62		1,766,568.62		8,892,546.20		23,384,898.71		4,387,964.71

2017 figures are to 26.09.17

5. The gross cost of payments to private companies/private individuals who provide temporary accommodation for people who made homelessness applications in each of the past six years. (Eg landlords who own hostels that are used as temporary accommodation; private companies that run centres, etc).

Please provide the names of these private companies/individuals and details of all payments made to each over the last six years. (Eg Company X received £x in 2012, £y in 2013)

ACC is unable to provide you with information on names of the hotel establishments 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 concerns individuals 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 or guesthouses used. It would not be appropriate to release this information into the public domain.

We hope this helps with your request.

Yours sincerely,

Grant Webster
Information Compliance Officer

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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