

FOI number: **HBC_FOI_20190163**
Date FOI Received: **26/02/2019**
Department: **Benefits**
Title: **Housing Benefit for Specified Supported Accommodation**
Description: **Number of Specified Exempt Supported Accommodation cases and the levels of support provided.**

Request: *(As Redacted sent by requestor)*

Specified Accommodation as per Housing Benefit regulation 75H, where some of the rules that normally limit the amount of rent covered by a Housing Benefit award do not apply. Including accommodation provided by a social or voluntary sector landlord where the claimant is provided with care, support or supervision and Housing Benefit from the Council.

1. How many Specified Exempt Supported Accommodation cases are currently receiving Housing Benefit?
2. How many Specified General Supported Accommodation cases are currently receiving Housing Benefit?
3. How many Specified Domestic Violence Hostel cases are currently receiving Housing Benefit?
4. How many Specified Local Authority Hostel cases are currently receiving Housing Benefit?
5. What is the highest eligible gross rent being paid for a Specified Exempt Supported Accommodation case by Housing Benefits?
6. What is the lowest eligible gross rent being paid for a Specified Exempt Supported Accommodation case by Housing Benefits?
7. What is the lowest core rent being paid for a Specified Exempt Supported Accommodation case by Housing Benefits?
8. What is the highest core rent being paid for a Specified Exempt Supported Accommodation case by Housing Benefits?
9. 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 gross []
 - £251.00 per week eligible gross - £300.00 per week eligible gross []
 - £301.00 per week eligible gross - £400.00 per week eligible gross []
 - Greater than £400.00 per week eligible gross []
10. How many Specified General or Exempt Supported Accommodation cases have been referred to the Rent Officer service (VOA)?
11. How many Specified Exempt Supported Accommodation cases are being paid where the Local Authority is only receiving 60% subsidy?
12. How many Supported Accommodation claims have received an 'unreasonably high' rent decision?

Response: *(Response as Redacted sent by service)*

1. How many Specified Exempt Supported Accommodation cases are currently receiving Housing Benefit?
2. How many Specified General Supported Accommodation cases are currently receiving Housing Benefit? - **The combined number is 69 – we do not record the type of exempt accommodation**

3. How many Specified Domestic Violence Hostel cases are currently receiving Housing Benefit? **0**
4. How many Specified Local Authority Hostel cases are currently receiving Housing Benefit? **0**
5. What is the highest eligible gross rent being paid for a Specified Exempt Supported Accommodation case by Housing Benefits? **£565.88**
6. What is the lowest eligible gross rent being paid for a Specified Exempt Supported Accommodation case by Housing Benefits? **£165.65**
7. What is the lowest core rent being paid for a Specified Exempt Supported Accommodation case by Housing Benefits? **£151.65**
8. What is the highest core rent being paid for a Specified Exempt Supported Accommodation case by Housing Benefits? **£553.15**
9. 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 gross **53**
 - £251.00 per week eligible gross - £300.00 per week eligible gross **12**
 - £301.00 per week eligible gross - £400.00 per week eligible gross **3**
 - Greater than £400.00 per week eligible gross **1**
10. How many Specified General or Exempt Supported Accommodation cases have been referred to the Rent Officer service (VOA)? **9**
11. How many Specified Exempt Supported Accommodation cases are being paid where the Local Authority is only receiving 60% subsidy? **9**
12. How many Supported Accommodation claims have received an 'unreasonably high' rent decision? **0**

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Thank you for your request.

Kind regards
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