

FOI number: **HBC\_FOI\_2019054**  
Date FOI Received: **11/01/2019**  
Department: **Housing**  
Title: **Homelessness funding**  
Description: **Use of Government funds towards homelessness housing support.**

**Request:** *(As Redacted sent by requestor)*

Dear housing,

I've been advised by local mp the govment had 10 million pounds to spreadf oit to local councales in uk to put homeless into bhousing i like to know were the money has been spent one thank you

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

I can confirm I am not aware of this Authority being in receipt of a portion of the £10 million to which you refer in your enquiry. We have received no such funding to date and therefore, cannot provide you with a report on how it has been spent.

Having said this however, I can inform you that we recently received a pot of funding from the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government specifically, towards making emergency shelter provisions available for rough sleepers in our district, during extreme spells of cold weather. This Severe Weather Emergency Provision is activated when there is severe weather and designed to prevent deaths or serious illness on the streets during periods of particularly difficult weather.

The provision is available for those who would not normally be eligible for temporary accommodation, including people evicted from temporary accommodation or those who do not have access to public funds. To qualify, an individual must be sleeping rough, which does not include 'sofa-surfing' or staying with friends and must have a connection to Hertsmere.

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Please include the above reference number on all correspondence related to this request.

Thank you for your request.

Kind regards

Information Services