

FOI number: **HBC_FOI_2019056**
Date FOI Received: **18/01/2019**
Department: **Housing**
Title: **Deaths in Council housing**
Description: **Number of deaths of people housed by the council 2015/16 to 2018/19 by type of accommodation.**

Request: *(As Redacted sent by requestor)*

Please could you tell me, for each of the financial years 2015/16, 2016/17, 2017/18 and as much of 2018/19 as you have data for:

- 1) How many people HOUSED BY THE COUNCIL died in
 - a. General needs housing managed by the council
 - b. General needs housing managed by any other organisation, including housing associations and RMOs.
 - c. Sheltered Housing
 - d. Temporary Accommodation
 - e. Emergency Accommodation
 - f. Any other type of housing

To be clear: I'd like you to count all the people housed by the council, including those housed in other councils' areas.

- 2) For each of those deaths, broken down by year and type of accommodation as per Q1:
 - a. How many were reported to the coroner?
 - b. How many required an inquest?
 - c. For those that went to inquest, what was the recorded cause of death? (e.g. drugs, suicide, natural causes etc.)
 - d. What was the age of the person who died?

- 3) At the end of each financial year (i.e. on 31st March) please could you tell me the total number of PEOPLE (not households) housed in each of the types of accommodation in Q1?

To be clear – I'd like the total number of people housed AT THAT POINT, not the total housed across the previous financial year.

If you're not able to tell me the total number of deaths – then please could you tell me just those deaths which were reported to the coroner?

If you have any queries, or need me to reformulate my request, I'd ask that you do so at the earliest opportunity.

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

Question 1. Hertsmere is a non stock holding borough therefore do not own or manage any general needs or sheltered accommodation. The council transferred its stock to Aldwyck Housing Association and Clarion Housing in 1994.

I am only able to provide information regarding temporary/emergency accommodation. Hertsmere considers emergency and temporary accommodation one and the same.

Question 1. d & e

2015/16 - 1

2016/17 – 0

2017/18 – 0

2018/19 – 1

Question 2. Hertsmere Borough Council is not a unitary authority. Enquiries regarding deaths reported to the coroner should be made to Hertfordshire County Council. We do not hold any data on cause of death or inquests.

Question 2 d

2015/16 – 32 years

2018/2019 – 63 years

Question 3

Hertsmere do not hold data on the amount of people, only households.

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Thank you for your request.

Kind regards

Information Services