

FOI number: **HBC_FOI_20190229**
Date FOI Received: **20/03/2019**
Department: **Housing**
Title: **Pregnant in B and B**
Description: **Number of pregnant women placed in temporary accommodation and how many of these were within B&Bs from 2014 to 2018 by year.**

Request: *(As Redacted sent by requestor)*

I am emailing with a Freedom of Information request. I would like to know:

**For the years 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017 and 2018, how many pregnant women were in temporary accommodation in your local authority?
How many pregnant women were in B&Bs in each year?**

I would like the above information to be provided to me as an email.

If this request is too wide or unclear, I would be grateful if you could contact me as I understand that under the Act, you are required to advise and assist requesters. If any of this information is already in the public domain, please can you direct me to it.

Many Thanks

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

Unfortunately we are not able to provide the requested data on the numbers of pregnant women who were placed in temporary accommodation between these years. Following the introduction of the Homelessness Reduction Act and a new data monitoring system we have changed the information stored about each client and would not be able to provide accurate data on the questions above.

We generally place pregnant clients in to a hostel specifically for single clients or couples with children, which has support on site.

If you have any queries about the processing of your request then please do not hesitate to contact me. Further information explaining the Council's process for responding to information requests together with a complaints/appeals procedure is available in our reception or via our website at:

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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