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Information request details

Request

I am writing to request information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 specifically related to the number of households placed out of area by your local authority (LA) in temporary accommodation (TA) over specific timeframes.

Please provide the following single-year totals for FY 2023/24, 2024/25, 2025/26 and April 2026 - June 30 2026

1. Households placed out-of-area in TA a) Total number of households your council accommodated in out-of-area TA at any point during the year; and b) Of (a), the number of households with children.

2. Section 208 notifications (totals only) a) Total number of Section 208 (out of district) notifications sent by your council during the year (relating to your out-of-area placements); and b) Total number of Section 208 notifications received from other authorities during the year (relating to households they placed into TA within your area, also name the council who received the notification from).

3. Cost to the council of out-of-area TA (totals only) a) Total gross expenditure by your council on out-of-area TA during the year; and b) If your accounts/reporting hold it without manual casework: total income/recoveries attributable to out-of-area TA during the year (however recorded in your systems), and the resulting net cost (gross minus income/recoveries).

If (b) is not held in a way that can be attributed specifically to out-of-area TA, please state "not held".

Response

1. Households placed out-of-area in TA a) Total number of households your council accommodated in out-of-area TA at any point during the year; and b) Of (a), the number of households with children.

	2023-2024	2024-2025	2025-2026	06/04/26 – 30/06/26
Households placed out of area	17	68	140	67
Households with children	15	42	87	32

2. Section 208 notifications (totals only) a) Total number of Section 208 (out of district) notifications sent by your council during the year (relating to your out-of-area placements); and b) Total number of Section 208 notifications received from other authorities during the year (relating to households they placed into TA within your area, also name the council who received the notification from).

S208 notifications are sent to the receiving local authority via the Housing Options IT System, Huume. Due to the nature of how these notifications are configured within the IT system, the Council is not able to run a report to see the numbers of s208 notifications sent out. Given that these notifications are sent as standard procedures, alternative records of these notifications are not kept and therefore we are unable to provide this information.

	2023-2024	2024-2025	2025-2026	06/04/26 – 30/06/26
S208 notifications received	32	76	23	2

S208 notifications received by LA area				
	2023-2024	2024-2025	2025-2026	06/04/26 – 30/06/26
Ashford	4	2	0	0
Canterbury	6	12	2	2
Central Bedfordshire	1	0	0	0
Crawley	0	1	0	0
Dartford	3	0	0	0
Dover	9	44	14	0
Horsham	0	1	0	0
Medway	0	1	0	0
Thanet	8	15	7	0
Thurrock	1	0	0	0

3. Cost to the council of out-of-area TA (totals only) a) Total gross expenditure by your council on out-of-area TA during the year; and b) If your accounts/reporting hold it without manual casework: total income/recoveries attributable to out-of-area TA during the year (however recorded in your systems), and the resulting net cost (gross minus income/recoveries).

The system the Finance Team use to track payments for temporary accommodation (TA) does not differentiate between TA placements in area and TA placements made out-of-area, therefore we are unable to separate out the cost for out-of-area placements.

If (b) is not held in a way that can be attributed specifically to out-of-area TA, please state "not held". Not held

Date Closed 

18/08/2026

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