



South Somerset District Council

Freedom of Information Act (2000) & Environmental Information Regulation (2004)

Information Request Reference Number: 433

RESPONSE

You have asked South Somerset District Council for the following information:-

1) The destination of households who have secured alternative accommodation at the end of the prevention duty.

2017/18 – South Somerset

2018/19 – South Somerset

2019/20 to date – South Somerset

Where you refer to prevention, relief and main duties, we have assumed these are the new duties contained in the Homeless Reduction Act, which amended the original 1996 Housing Act. As such, our responses below are limited to 2017/18 onwards.

** By "prevention duty", I am referring to [Section 195 of the 1996 Act](#) – the 'prevention duty' – which places a duty on housing authorities to work with people who are threatened with homelessness within 56 days to help prevent them from becoming homelessness.*

** By "destination," I am asking for the name of the borough the household secured accommodation in.*

** I have used the term "households", rather than "individuals," in line with how the government's terminology in its statistical output relating to out of borough placements.*

2) Location of interim accommodation offers for households who have been owed a relief duty

2017/18 – South Somerset

2018/19 – South Somerset

2019/20 to date – South Somerset

** By "interim accommodation" I am referring to section 188 of the Housing Act 1996.*

** By "relief duty" and I am referring to [Section 189B of the 1996 Act](#) – which requires housing authorities to help people who are homeless to secure accommodation.*



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3) Destination of households who have secured accommodation at the end of the relief duty

2017/18 – South Somerset

2018/19 – South Somerset

2019/20 to date – South Somerset

4) Location of temporary accommodation offers for households who have been owed a main duty

2017/18 – South Somerset

2018/19 – South Somerset, and Somerset West and Taunton

2019/20 to date – South Somerset

** By "main duty," I am referring to [section 193\(2\)](#), namely the duty to secure accommodation for applicants who are homeless, eligible for assistance, have priority need and are not intentionally homeless.*

5) Location of final offers for households who have been owed a main duty

2017/18 – South Somerset

2018/19 – South Somerset

2019/20 to date – South Somerset

6) The number of households from outside the borough (those owed a relief duty, a main duty and those at the end of prevention duty) who have secured alternative accommodation, interim accommodation or temporary accommodation in your borough. Please provide the name of the council that has secured these households accommodation.

2017/18 – zero

2018/19 – zero

2019/20 to date – zero

** As you will know, there is a requirement on local authorities to notify the 'receiving' authority when they place a homeless household in temporary accommodation outside of the borough is a statutory duty under section 208(2) of the Housing Act 1996: "Where a housing authority places an applicant in accommodation outside the district under any part of the Act, section 208(2) requires them to notify the authority in whose district the accommodation is situated of the placement. The notification requirement applies to all out of district placements and not just those arranged under interim accommodation duties or the section 193(2) main housing duty."*



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7) The number of households have declared themselves "intentionally homeless," as per section 191 of the Homeless Act 1996, after refusing offers of out of borough accommodation, be it interim, temporary or permanent accommodation.

2017/18 – zero

2018/19 – zero

2019/20 to date – zero

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