



South Somerset District Council

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

Information Request Reference Number: 554

RESPONSE

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

I am writing to request information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. I am requesting information about homelessness, domestic abuse and temporary accommodation.

Specifically, I would like to know, for 2018 (from January) 2019 and 2020 broken down by year:

- 1) How many applications were made under Part 7 of the 1996, as amended by the Homelessness Reduction Act, and with domestic abuse as the main reason for their homelessness? (total number)

2018: 21

2019: 43

2020: 21 – up to 26th May 2020

2a) How many of the applications made under Part 7 of the 1996, as amended by the Homelessness Reduction Act, and with domestic abuse as the main reason for their homelessness were refused? (total number)

2018: 0

2019: 1

2020: 0

2b) How many of the refused applications were because of:

- Space (total number)
- No Recourse to Public Funds (NRPF) (total number)
- Mental health (total number)
- Did not meet the risk threshold for access to service (total number)
- Space too close to danger area (total number)
- Disability (total number)
- Substance use (total number)
- Previously evicted from refuge (total number)
- Older male child (total number)
- Space not ready (total number)
- Large family (total number)
- Uncertain benefit status (total number)
- Offending (total number)
- History of violence/arson (total number)
- Would not under occupy space (total number)



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- Would only accept woman from local area (total number)
- Language (total number)
- Other (please specify if possible and total number)

2018 – not applicable

2019 – other. The household, which originally approached as fleeing violence, were found not to be and were in fact were eventually found to be intentionally homeless

2020 – not applicable

3) How many applications were made under Part 7 of the Housing Act

Housing Act 1996, as amended by the Homelessness Reduction Act, and with domestic abuse as the main reason for their homelessness were placed by you in:

- B&B accommodation (total number)
- (other) Hotel accommodation (total number)
- Refuge Accommodation (total number)
- Hostels (total number)
- Houses in Multiple Occupation (total number)

2018 - 4 were placed in a hostel, 3 found their own accommodation, due to a system error 14 were not recorded

2019 – 11 were placed in a hostel, 17 found their own accommodation, due to a system error 15 were not recorded

2020 – 3 were placed in a hostel, 5 found their own accommodation, due to a system error 13 were not recorded

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