

12 February 2026

Dear

## **ATISN 26601**

Thank you for your request which I received on 20 January 2026. You asked for the information as listed at Annex 1.

### **Our response**

We publish the data we collect on households in temporary accommodation within the [Homelessness](#) statistical release and accompanying tables on [StatsWales](#). Data is collected every 6 months, with the latest available data covering March 2025.

We do not collect all the data you have requested, or for the time and frequency you have set out. I have provided detail of what is available below, against each of your requests:

**1. The total number of households placed in temporary accommodation.**

We collect and publish this information every 6 months for bed and breakfast accommodation, but not for all temporary accommodation, [Total placements in bed and breakfasts, by length of stay and provision | StatsWales](#)

**2. The number of households in temporary accommodation at period end.**

This is available on StatsWales [Households accommodated temporarily by accommodation type, household type and length of stay | StatsWales](#)

**3. The average and/or median length of stay (in days) for households in temporary accommodation.**

We do not collect this information.

**4. The number of households remaining in temporary accommodation for longer than:**

- **6 weeks**
- **3 months**
- **6 months**

We collect information on the total time in temporary accommodation grouped in time bands. [Households accommodated temporarily by accommodation type, household type and length of stay | StatsWales](#)

### **Homelessness Duties**

**5. The total number of homelessness presentations.**

We do not collect this information.

**6. The number of cases where local authorities accepted a prevention duty and a relief duty.**

We do not collect this information. We collect data on outcomes. [Households for which assistance has been provided by outcome, age and gender | StatsWales](#)

## Expenditure / Funding

### 7. Any centrally held data on local authority expenditure on temporary accommodation.

Welsh Government does not routinely collect data on local authority expenditure on temporary accommodation. This is because local authority's primary source of central government revenue funding to meet its statutory homelessness duties is Welsh Government's Local Authority Revenue Support Grant. The funding is un-hypothecated, meaning that it is for local authorities to determine the allocation of this funding for its statutory services.

To inform the development of the Regulatory Impact Assessment for Welsh Government's new Homelessness and Social Housing Allocation (Wales) Bill, a contractor undertaking the modelling work collected survey data from Welsh local authorities on annual temporary accommodation costs. 19 out of 22 local authorities responded (Conwy, Flintshire and Rhondda Cynon Taf did not respond). The survey data is presented in the table below. Please note the following caveats:

- The survey data relates to financial years not calendar years.
- The survey data does not include data for 3 local authorities.
- Survey data for 2024-25 was 'planned' not actual.

Financial Year	Annual Gross expenditure on Temporary Accommodation (£m)*	Annual Net expenditure on Temporary Accommodation (£m)**
2022-23	84.19	24.82
2023-24	115.19	44.57
2024-25	116.80	47.24

\* Gross Expenditure is the total amount that local authorities spent on temporary accommodation before any income, reimbursements, or deductions are considered.

\*\* Net expenditure is the amount that local authorities spent on temporary accommodation *after* accounting for income local authorities receive from Welsh Government grants (see response to question 8.) or from Housing Benefit income from the Department for Work and Pensions.

### 8. Any funding allocations or grant schemes provided to local authorities relating to temporary accommodation or homelessness prevention during this period

From 2022-23 to 2024-25, Welsh Government provided additional grant funding to Welsh local authorities to support them to meet their statutory duties to provide temporary accommodation for households experiencing homelessness; to support their statutory duties to prevent homelessness; and funding through

the [Housing Support Grant](#) (HSG). The HSG is a non-statutory grant that funds housing support services that both supports people to sustain tenancies and provides wrap-around to support those who are experiencing homelessness.

This grant funding was in addition to local authority's primary source of funding to meet its statutory homelessness duties – the Local Authority Revenue Support Grant funding settlement (see response to question 7).

	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
	£m	£m	£m
Temporary Accommodation grant funding	20	15	15
Discretionary Homelessness Prevention grant funding	6	12.5	5
Housing Support Grant funding	166.76	166.76	183.34

### Next steps

If you are dissatisfied with the Welsh Government's handling of your request, you can ask for an internal review within 40 working days of the date of this response. Requests for an internal review should be addressed to the Welsh Government's Freedom of Information Officer at:

Information Rights Unit  
Welsh Government  
Cathays Park  
Cardiff  
CF10 3NQ

or e-mail: [Freedom.ofinformation@gov.wales](mailto:Freedom.ofinformation@gov.wales)

Please remember to quote the ATISN reference number above.

You also have the right to complain to the Information Commissioner. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at:

Information Commissioner's Office  
Wycliffe House  
Water Lane  
Wilmslow  
Cheshire  
SK9 5AF

Website: [www.ico.org.uk](http://www.ico.org.uk)

However, please note that the Commissioner will not normally investigate a complaint until it has been through our own internal review process.

Yours sincerely

## **Annex 1**

Aggregate monthly or quarterly data for the period January 2022 to December 2024 (or the most recent 24–36 month period available):

### **Temporary Accommodation (Wales-wide)**

1. The total number of households placed in temporary accommodation.
2. The number of households in temporary accommodation at period end.
3. The average and/or median length of stay (in days) for households in temporary accommodation.
4. The number of households remaining in temporary accommodation for longer than:
  - 6 weeks
  - 3 months
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