

FOI number: **HBC_FOI_2019071**
Date FOI Received: **23/01/2019**
Department: **Housing**
Title: **Emergency housing for pregnant women**
Description: **Number of pregnant women given emergency housing, the type, length and longer-term housing.**

Request: *(As Redacted sent by requestor)*

Dear FOI officer,

I'm emailing regarding an FOI request for which I believe you'll have the data available. Please provide me with:

- A) The number of pregnant women who were given emergency housing in 2016/17 and 2017/18.
- B) What type of emergency housing each pregnant woman was given.
- C) The average length in weeks of the emergency housing.
- D) Details of whether any of those pregnant women were given emergency housing more than once while still pregnant.
- E) The number of pregnant women who were given longer-term housing after leaving emergency housing.

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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Thank you for your request.

Kind regards

Information Services