

23 October 2019

Our ref: 5647492

Thank you for your request received on 25 September 2019, for the following information:

- 1. How many Specified Exempt Supported Accommodation cases are currently receiving Housing Benefit?**
- 2. How many Specified General Supported Accommodation cases are currently receiving Housing Benefit?**
- 3. How many Specified Domestic Violence Hostel cases are currently receiving Housing Benefit?**
- 4. How many Specified Local Authority Hostel cases are currently receiving Housing Benefit?**
- 5. What is the highest eligible gross rent being paid for a Specified Exempt Supported Accommodation case by Housing Benefits?**
- 6. What is the lowest eligible gross rent being paid for a Specified Exempt Supported Accommodation case by Housing Benefits?**
- 7. What is the lowest core rent being paid for a Specified Exempt Supported Accommodation case by Housing Benefits?**
- 8. What is the highest core rent being paid for a Specified Exempt Supported Accommodation case by Housing Benefits?**
- 9. How many Specified Exempt Supported Accommodation cases are currently receiving Housing Benefit for the following eligible rent ranges:**
 - £150.00 per week eligible gross - £250.00 per week eligible?**
 - £251.00 per week eligible gross - £300.00 per week eligible gross?**
 - £301.00 per week eligible gross - £400.00 per week eligible gross?**
 - Greater than £400.00 per week eligible gross?**
- 10. How many Specified General or Exempt Supported Accommodation cases have been referred to the Rent Officer service (VOA)?**
- 11. How many Specified Exempt Supported Accommodation cases are being paid where the Local Authority is only receiving 60% subsidy?**
- 12. How many Specified Exempt Supported Accommodation claims have received an 'unreasonably high' rent decision?**

We have processed this request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Response

I am writing to inform you that we have searched our records and although we hold some of the information requested, some is not held by London Borough of Barnet as outlined below.

We have provided answers to your request below showing where we do not hold the information requested.

1. How many Specified Exempt Supported Accommodation cases are currently receiving Housing Benefit?

81

2. How many Specified General Supported Accommodation cases are currently receiving Housing Benefit?

40

3. How many Specified Domestic Violence Hostel cases are currently receiving Housing Benefit?

6

4. How many Specified Local Authority Hostel cases are currently receiving Housing Benefit? 2

5. What is the highest eligible gross rent being paid for a Specified Exempt Supported Accommodation case by Housing Benefits?

£618.70

6. What is the lowest eligible gross rent being paid for a Specified Exempt Supported Accommodation case by Housing Benefits?

£117.89

7. What is the lowest core rent being paid for a Specified Exempt Supported Accommodation case by Housing Benefits? £117.89

8. What is the highest core rent being paid for a Specified Exempt Supported Accommodation case by Housing Benefits?

£618.70

9. How many Specified Exempt Supported Accommodation cases are currently receiving Housing Benefit for the following eligible rent ranges:

£150.00 per week eligible gross - £250.00 per week eligible? 20

£251.00 per week eligible gross - £300.00 per week eligible gross? 22

£301.00 per week eligible gross - £400.00 per week eligible gross? 16

Greater than £400.00 per week eligible gross? 14

10. How many Specified General or Exempt Supported Accommodation cases have been referred to the Rent Officer service (VOA)?

91

11. How many Specified Exempt Supported Accommodation cases are being paid where the Local Authority is only receiving 60% subsidy?

We are unable to provide this information as our subsidy claim is currently being calculated. This can be supplied at a later point if required.

12. How many Specified Exempt Supported Accommodation claims have received an 'unreasonably high' rent decision?

We are unable to provide this information as it is not recorded on our processing system

Further information

If you are interested in the data that the council holds you may wish to visit Open Barnet, the council's data portal. This brings together all our published datasets and other information of interest on one searchable database for anyone, anywhere to access. <http://open.barnet.gov.uk/>

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