

FOI: 9916873FOI request relating to Report Hostels Commissioning Plan June 2016

I am writing to make a request under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) concerning information relating to your MABPAP Report Hostels Commissioning Plan of June 2016.

1) Can you provide a copy of the data on which the statement "there is an oversupply of female only hostel beds" is based in this document (1.1 in the 'Executive Summary')?

The actual data on which that statement was based is not available. Details of the data on which the Plan relied are contained in the Appendices of that report.

2) According to your data, how many single women presented as homeless or in need of accommodation to Tower Hamlets Council between March 2016 and March 2017?

401

3) How many referrals were made by Tower Hamlets Council to Hopetown Women's Hostel in Whitechapel (E1 5NG) between March 2016- March 2017?

52

4) How many people presented as homeless or in need of accommodation to Tower Hamlets Council between March 2016 and March 2017 and what is the breakdown by gender, ethnicity, and whether or not they had dependents?

All people who approach the Council for assistance and advice whether they be homeless, threatened with homelessness or seeking general advice regarding their current housing circumstances are recorded but there is no differentiation between the two; it would therefore not be possible to provide an answer to this question. However, for those recorded as approaching the Council for assistance please see the attached. The first tab is for single enquirers and the second for households with dependent children.

5) How many people were categorized as "intentionally homeless" by Tower Hamlets council during March 2016 to March 2017, broken down by gender, ethnicity, and whether or not they had dependents?

This information is published by the DCLG and the Council quarterly on their respective websites at section E1 (ethnicity) and E9 (nationality) but there is no requirement to report on age, gender and dependents for these decisions. This information is not held at present.

The DCLG website can be found at:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/statistical-data-sets/live-tables-on-homelessness#detailed-local-authority-level-responses>

If my request is likely to exceed the cost limit set out in Section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act, please exclude questions 4 and 5, and only answer 1-3.

I am writing to inform you that we have searched our records and some of the information you requested is not held by Tower Hamlets Council. The reports run on client profiles prior to the drafting of the report were not stored centrally and the responsible officer no longer works for the Council.