

**505/2014**

**REQUEST AND RESPONSE**

**1. Within your local authority, and for the years 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013 what was the number of 16-17 year olds who:**

a) presented themselves as homeless or at risk of homelessness to your local authority housing services and

a1) the assessment of the young person's need was conducted by your housing services and a referral was made to county council children's services

**2010 34      2011 13      2012 14      2013 20**

a2) the assessment of the young person's need was conducted jointly by your local authority housing services and your county council's children's services

**2010 1      2011 6      2012 7      2013 6**

a3) the assessment of the young person's need was conducted by your housing services and no referral was made to county council children's services

**2010 96      2011 69      2012 48      2013 41**

**2. Within your local authority, and for the years 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013 what was the number of 16-17 year olds who:**

a) were assessed as not owed a homelessness duty and not provided with housing

**2010 106      2011 68      2012 49      2013 60**

b) were offered accommodation by your local authority under the Housing Act 1996

**2010 14      2011 22      2012 17      2013 8**

**3. Within your local authority, and for the years 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013 what was the number of 18-20 year olds who:**

*We do not record individual statistics for 18-20 year olds.*

a) presented themselves as homeless, or at risk of homelessness?

b) were found to be eligible for homelessness support under the Housing Act 1996? **2010,**

**4. Within your local authority, for the years 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, how many 18- 20 year olds, eligible under the homelessness provisions of the Housing Act 1996 were accommodated in:**

*We do not record individual statistics for 18-20 year olds.*

a) supported accommodation

b) returned to live with parents or other family members (that may include moving-in with partners)

c) hostels

d) Bed and Breakfasts

e) Private rented accommodation

f) Local Authority accommodation

g) Registered provider, such as a housing association.

h) university accommodation or accommodation connected to an educational establishment

i) not known

**5. These questions are all about council policies and support services:**

a) Do you provide specialist advocacy support for 16 and 17 year olds who present themselves as homeless and, if so, what organisations do you commission to provide this support?

No

b) What support does your local authority offer to b1) 16-17 year olds, b2) care leavers and b3) 18-20 year olds to furnish accommodation provided by your council.

We sign post to Tendring Furniture Scheme and Tendring Reuse and Employment Enterprise which are furniture projects within our area. We also signpost to the local floating support service.

c) What is the policy of your local authority when 18-20 year olds who are eligible for accommodation from housing services but get evicted due to c1) behaviour or c2) rent arrears

We have no separate policy and all applicants are treated and assessed individually.

d) What is the policy of your local authority when 16-17 year olds who are eligible for accommodation from housing services but get evicted due to d1) behaviour or d2) rent arrears?

As c) above.

d) What is the policy of your local authority when 16-17 year old who were assessed as not owed a housing duty present themselves repeatedly as homeless or at risk of homelessness?

We have no policy and individual circumstances are assessed

e) Please provide your most recent policy statement stating how your local authority assesses homelessness in 16 and 17 year olds.

Attached is a protocol that all Essex housing authorities have signed up to with Essex County Council