

FOI 345/2015

REQUEST

In accordance with the Freedom of Information Act, I am writing to request information regarding youth homelessness prevention in your area.

These questions relate to services offered by you (the local authority) which are targeted at young people living in families at risk of family breakdown, who would subsequently become homeless.

Please provide information for the financial year 2014-15 but also note any emerging information you have for this current financial year. Please include details of age ranges where possible.

1. Do you offer services in your area for young people at risk of homelessness due to family breakdown to **prevent** them from leaving home?
 - a. Yes
 - b. No

2. If yes, which of the following services do you offer in your area for young people at risk of leaving home due to family breakdown to **prevent** them from leaving home? (Tick all that apply)
 - a. Family mediation
 - b. Family support (e.g. Troubled Families)
 - c. Parenting support/programmes (for families with teenagers)
 - d. Respite for young people at risk of family breakdown
 - e. Other..... (please specify)

3. For each of the service types you have indicated in your answer to question 2, please could you state what the eligibility/ selection criteria are for young people or families seeking access to those services?
 - a. Family mediation
 - b. Family support (e.g. Troubled Families):
 - c. Parenting support/programmes (for families with teenagers): Respite for young people at risk of family breakdown:
 - d. Other..... (please specify)

4. Please list the service user outcomes which are measured and recorded across each programme type:
 - a. Family mediation
 - b. Family support (e.g. Troubled Families) Parenting support/programmes (for families with teenagers) Respite for young people at risk of family breakdown Other..... (please specify)

5. In what percentage of cases during the financial year 2014/15 has youth homelessness been avoided due to your services working with families to prevent family breakdown? (Please provide an exact figure if possible, if not please state where estimates are used)
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6. How much money is allocated from each of the following budgets to fund services for young people at risk of homelessness due to family breakdown to **prevent** them from leaving home? What percentage of the overall budget does this account for? (Please provide an exact figure if possible, if not please state where estimates are used)

- a. Children's services:
- b. Housing: Early intervention grant: Troubled Families funding: Social Impact Bonds: Other..... (please specify)

RESPONSE

Please see information below in red, in response to your recent FOI request.

1. Do you offer services in your area for young people at risk of homelessness due to family breakdown to **prevent** them from leaving home?
 - a. Yes **Yes**
 - b. No

2. If yes, which of the following services do you offer in your area for young people at risk of leaving home due to family breakdown to **prevent** them from leaving home? (Tick all that apply)
 - a. Family mediation **Yes**
 - b. Family support (e.g. Troubled Families) **Yes**
 - c. Parenting support/programmes (for families with teenagers) **Not sure (Essex County Council may)**
 - d. Respite for young people at risk of family breakdown **Not sure (Essex County Council may)**
 - e. Other..... (please specify) **Not provided by Tendring District Council**

3. For each of the service types you have indicated in your answer to question 2, please could you state what the eligibility/ selection criteria are for young people or families seeking access to those services?
 - a. Family mediation **Risk of homelessness**
 - b. Family support (e.g. Troubled Families): **Any of the 2 criteria: Families with no member in work. Family with significant non-school attendance. Family with member involved in crime or ASB. Family affected by DV. Family living with drug or alcohol abuse. Family with children open to social care. Family that has children with significant behavioural problems. Family facing eviction or with significant arrears or neighbour disputes. Families with a member with 2 tier mental health needs. Service provided by Essex County Council.**
 - c. Parenting support/programmes (for families with teenagers): **Not sure (Essex County Council's remit)**
 - d. Respite for young people at risk of family breakdown: **Not sure (Essex County Council's remit)**
 - e. Other..... (please specify) **Not provided by Tendring DC**

4. Please list the service user outcomes which are measured and recorded across each programme type:
 - a. Family mediation **Homelessness Prevention or Relief is reported to the DCLG**
 - b. Family support (e.g. Troubled Families) **Essex County Council provide this service, data not known**
 - c. Parenting support/programmes (for families with teenagers) **Essex County Council may provide this service, data not known**
 - d. Respite for young people at risk of family breakdown **Essex County Council may provide this service, date unknown**
 - e. Other..... (please specify) **Not provided by Tendring District Council**

5. In what percentage of cases during the financial year 2014/15 has youth homelessness been avoided due to your services working with families to prevent family breakdown? (Please provide an exact figure if possible, if not please state where estimates are used) **50% (13 out of 26)**

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6. How much money is allocated from each of the following budgets to fund services for young people at risk of homelessness due to family breakdown to **prevent** them from leaving home? What percentage of the overall budget does this account for? (Please provide an exact figure if possible, if not please state where estimates are used)
- a. Children's services: **Essex County Council will have this information**
 - b. Housing: **The Council received £83,000 Homelessness Support Grant from the DCLG and funding comes from this pot. There is no ring-fencing of the budget so a specific amount is not allocated for mediation or other preventative measures. Estimate in 2014/15 for young people being asked to leave the family home is no more than £10k.**
 - c. Early intervention grant: **Essex County Council may have this information**
 - d. Troubled Families funding: **Essex County Council may have this information**
 - e. Social Impact Bonds: **Not aware but Essex County Council may have this information**
 - f. Other..... (please specify) **Not by Tendring District Council**