FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST – 1255/18

Dear Sir/Madam

Your request for information has now been considered and the information requested is provided below.

Request / Response:

I am writing to request information through the Freedom of Information Act (2000) regarding the Bed & Breakfast population within your local authority. My request covers the following:

1. The total number of households claiming Housing Benefit from a Bed and Breakfast*, and/or other accommodation with board and lodgings, in the following financial years (only include those not owed a statutory duty but living in a B&B i.e. NOT placed by Housing Options):
   a. 2016/2017
      Answer: No households were claiming Housing Benefit from a Bed and Breakfast and/or other accommodation with board and lodgings during 2016/2017.
   b. 2017/2018
      Answer: No households were claiming Housing Benefit from a Bed and Breakfast and/or other accommodation with board and lodgings during 2017/2018.

2. The total number of households placed in Bed and Breakfast*, and/or other accommodation with board and lodgings, through homeless placement teams in the following financial years (those owed a statutory duty and were placed in a B&B by Housing Options):
   a. 2016/2017
      Answer: There were 21 placements into temp accommodation during 2016/2017. 5 of these were Bed and Breakfast placements and the rest were into self-contained flats.
b. 2017/2018

Answer: There were 21 placements into temp accommodation during 2017/2018. 3 of these were Bed and Breakfast placements and the rest were into self-contained flats.

(* We assume that these Bed and Breakfast properties are owned, and/or managed by private landlords)

If your response to the above questions is '0' please clearly explain your reasoning for this.

Please clearly indicate in your response which numbers correspond to which group of B&B residents, i.e. if they are private households living in B&B or if the household has been placed by the local authority's Housing Options team as part of homelessness. If you cannot differentiate between the two groups please indicate this in your response.

If resources do not allow you to report on both financial years, please return data from 2017/2018. If you cannot report on the total annual figure, please provide snapshots of figures on 1st of each month (or closest to) for the corresponding years.

If you are dissatisfied with the handling of your request please contact the Head of Corporate Governance, Rutland County Council, Catmose, Oakham, Rutland LE15 6HP

You can also complain to the Information Commissioner at:

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Yours faithfully

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