



31 January 2019

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST – 100/19

Dear Sir/Madam

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

Request & Response:

I am seeking information relating to accommodation that has been classed as 'exempt'. I am seeking the housing benefit paid for such accommodation, broken down into housing benefit, and to include service charges as outlined below. Exempt accommodation is defined as:

"1) "Exempt accommodation" is a term used in Housing Benefit and Universal Credit to describe supported accommodation where the rules that normally limit the amount of rent covered by a benefit award do not apply. The usual meaning of "exempt accommodation" is where the accommodation is provided by a landlord in the social or voluntary sector and the benefit claimant is provided with care, support or supervision by the landlord or by someone acting on the landlord's behalf. A claimant occupying exempt accommodation does not have their housing benefit restricted to local housing allowance."

Please can you disclose the following:

1. details of the lowest awarded eligible core rent;

Answer: £74.21 a week

2. details of the highest awarded eligible core rent;

Answer: £194.03 a week

3. details of the lowest awarded gross eligible rent (i.e. inclusive of the core rent and the eligible service charges);

Answer: £135.25 a week

4. details of the highest awarded gross eligible rent (i.e. inclusive of the core rent and the eligible service charges);

Answer: £252.13 a week

5. Please confirm the names of exempt accommodation providers in your area. Please name the providers/landlords who currently hold exempt accommodation status in respect of any of their residents.

Answer: Golden Lane Housing, Progress Housing, Nottingham Community Housing Association, and Advance Housing.

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Yours faithfully

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