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Dear Sir/Madam.

**Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA)
Request ID: REQ07367**

Thank you for your request for information relating to S. 202 Statutory Reviews.

You have requested the following information:

1. Number of S. 202 Statutory Reviews requested by Housing Applicants in the financial years (April - March) 2016 - 2017; 2017 - 2018; 2018 - 2019 and 2019 - 2020.

| Year | Number of reviews |
|---------|-------------------|
| 2016/17 | 103 |
| 2017/18 | 63 |
| 2018/19 | 42 |
| 2019/20 | 170 |

We are confident of the accuracy of the figures for 2019/20. Prior to 2019/20 the information regarding reviews was collated differently and we are less confident regarding the accuracy of the data.

2. A breakdown of the categories of reviews requested for each of the above years i.e. Priority Need, Intentionally Homeless; Not eligible; Not Homeless;

Discharge of S. 193 Duty; Discharge of Relief Duty; Suitability of Accommodation.

| Decision being reviewed | 2016/17 | 2017/18 | 2018/19 | 2019/20 |
|--|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| Intentionally Homeless | 15 | 10 | 13 | 26 |
| Not Eligible | 7 | 1 | 1 | 9 |
| Not Homeless | 4 | 2 | 3 | 8 |
| Not in priority need | 5 | 6 | 1 | 18 |
| Other | 3 | 2 | | 28 |
| Suitability: Discharge of Duty s193 | 69 | 42 | 22 | 80 |
| Suitability: Discharge of Prevention Duty s195(8)(d) | | | 2 | 1 |
| Total | 103 | 63 | 42 | 170 |

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3. How many reviews in the above categories overturned the original decision?

| Decision being reviewed | Review Outcome | 2016/17 | 2017/18 | 2018/19 | 2019/20 |
|--------------------------------|-----------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| Intentionally Homeless | Overtured | 2 | 4 | 12 | 6 |
| | Upheld | 13 | 6 | 1 | 7 |
| Not Eligible | Overtured | 5 | 1 | | 2 |
| | Upheld | 2 | | 1 | 0 |
| Not Homeless | Overtured | 4 | | 1 | 3 |
| | Upheld | | 2 | 2 | 1 |
| Not in priority need | Overtured | | 3 | 1 | 2 |
| | Upheld | 5 | 3 | | 5 |
| Other | Overtured | 2 | | | 13 |
| | Upheld | 1 | 2 | | 7 |

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|--|-----------|----|----|----|----|
| Suitability: Discharge of Duty s193 | Overtured | 8 | 11 | 19 | 40 |
| | Upheld | 61 | 31 | 3 | 18 |
| Suitability: Discharge of Prevention Duty s195(8)(d) | Overtured | | | 2 | |
| | Upheld | | | | |

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4. How many review decisions by categories above led to a County Court appeal?

We have no records of any County Court appeals from 2016/17 – 2018/19. For 2019/20 there were two County Court appeals issued (one for a Not In Priority Need decision and one for a S193 decision) – neither of these went to a hearing as they were settled.

5. How many County Court appeals by the categories above were successful on the part of the applicant?

Please refer to our response given to Question 4.

6. Whether the reviews are currently carried out by an internal member of staff or are contracted out?

Reviews are currently carried out by internal members of staff.

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Yours faithfully

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