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Dear Sir/Madam

**Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA)**

**Request ID: FOI557383705**

Thank you for your request for information relating to asylum seeker homelessness.

You have requested the following information:

**Do you have an annual breakdown over the past 3 years of**

**1. Numbers of asylum seekers who are known to be homeless.**

We advise that we do not hold the requested information and are advising you as per Section 1(1) of the Act. Accommodation for asylum seekers is provided by the Home Office and asylum seekers are not eligible for homelessness assistance under the Housing Act 1996. Therefore, the Council's Housing & Homelessness Team does not have any information to provide for this question which specifically asks about asylum seekers.

To assist, once an asylum seeker receives a positive decision (e.g., refugee or humanitarian status) and is required to leave the Home Office accommodation, they can approach the Council for homelessness assistance. Details of the number of refugees that have had a homelessness assessment (when required to leave accommodation provided by the Home Office) are publicly available and can be found here:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/statistical-data-sets/live-tables-on-homelessness>

**2. Estimates for the number of asylum seekers who will be homeless by the end of the year**

Please refer to Question 1.

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Yours faithfully

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