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Dear Sir/Madam

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

**Request ID: FOI609923967**

Thank you for your request for information relating to use of shipping containers or similar, or caravan parks for housing support.

You have requested the following information:

**1. Does your local authority use converted shipping containers, or similar structures, as 'temporary', 'interim' or 'emergency' accommodation?**

No.

**Please answer questions 2 to 5 if your authority does use shipping containers or similar structures as temporary accommodation:**

**2. (i) How many were in use in the past 12 months from April 2023?**

**(ii) Please provide the same figures for 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021 and 2022, if available.**

**3. How many (i) individuals and (ii) families with children are currently being supported in this type of temporary accommodation?**

**4. What is your policy for the maximum length of time that anyone being assisted by your authority should be kept in this type of accommodation?**

**5. What is the longest amount of time an (i) individual or (ii) a family has been housed in this type of accommodation?**

**6. Please outline how many people being supported by your authority in this manner are care leavers, if that information is available.**

**For Questions 2 to 6, these are not applicable.**

**7. Does your local authority make use of caravan parks, either private or council owned, to house individuals or families, as a form of temporary housing?**

No.

**If question 7 is applicable to your authority, please answer the questions 8 to 10**

**8. (i) How many sites are currently being used?**

**(ii) How many individual units is this?**

**9. How many (i) individuals or (ii) family groups are currently being supported in this way?**

**10. Please outline how many people being supported by your authority in this manner are care leavers, if that information is available.**

For Questions 8 to 10, these are not applicable.

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