

**FOI Reference Number:** FOI/054/1920

**Date:** 21 May 2019

**Request:**

Dear Sir/Madam

I am writing to you under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 to request the following information:

For each of the financial years 2014/15; 2015/16; 2016/17; 2017/18; 2018/19

1. How many dwellings has the council purchased for the purpose of providing temporary accommodation for homeless people?
2. How much has been spent making those purchases?
3. How many of the purchased properties have disabled access (for example for a wheelchair)?

In addition:

4. How much money has been set aside in the financial year 2019/20 for the purchase of properties to provide temporary accommodation for homeless people?

Please provide the information in the form of an email.

If it is not possible to provide the information requested due to the information exceeding the cost of compliance limits identified in Section 12, I would be grateful if you could provide advice and assistance, under the Section 16 obligations of the Act, as to how I can refine my request.

**Response:**

Thank you for your information request which Mid and East Antrim Borough Council received on 14 May 2019.

Please find attached Mid and East Antrim Borough Council's response to the information you requested in relation to dwellings .

***Please note that in Northern Ireland district councils are not responsible for the provision of housing. Please contact the Northern Ireland Housing Executive who should be able to help you with your request.***

If you are dissatisfied with the handling of part of your request, you have the right to ask for an internal review. Internal review requests should be submitted within two months of the date of receipt of the response to your original letter and should be addressed to the Chief Executive at the Braid Ballymena Town Hall, 1-29 Bridge Street, Ballymena, BT43 5EJ.

Please remember to quote the reference number FOI/054/1920 in any future communications.

If you are not content with the outcome of an internal review, you have the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at: Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF.

Please be advised that Mid and East Antrim Borough Council may release the response to this information request into the public domain via our website at <https://www.midandeantrim.gov.uk/>.

If we publish our response to your request, your personal data will be removed to protect your privacy.