

**FOI Reference Number:** FOI/137/1920

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**Request:**

Dear foi officer,

I am writing to you under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. Please detail the following:

1) Please let me know how many homeless reconnection referrals have been made to your local authority in the last 3 years (2016, 2017, 2018). Of those, please detail how many were accepted, how many were rejected and which LA made the referral. Break down the data by UK nationals and non-UK national referrals, if possible. Let us know how many were referred to other authorities over modern slavery concerns.

2) Please let me know how many homeless people have been given transport to leave the local authority under your “reconnection policy” in the 18 months (2018 and the first 6 months of 2019). Please provide data in an annualised format.

- Of these transportation tickets, please tell me:
  1. How many were one-way train tickets.
  2. The destination to where people were sent, if possible.
  3. The gender and age of the person travelling, if possible.
  4. The reason for the reconnection, if possible.
  5. Whether the local authorities performed a follow-up with each person given transport under the “reconnection policy

**Response:**

Thank you for your information request which Mid and East Antrim Borough Council received on 16/07/2019.

Please find below Mid and East Antrim Borough Council's response to the information you requested in relation to Homeless reconnections.

***Please note that in Northern Ireland district councils are not responsible for the provision of social care. Please contact the Northern Health and Social Care Trust 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/137/1920 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.