

**FOI Reference Number:** FOI/236/1920

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**Request:**

Dear Sirs,

We are writing to you under the Freedom of Information Action 2000 and would like to know the following information please.

1. How many Specified Exempt Supported Accommodation cases are currently receiving Housing Benefit?
2. How many Specified General Supported Accommodation cases are currently receiving Housing Benefit?
3. How many Specified Domestic Violence Hostel cases are currently receiving Housing Benefit?
4. How many Specified Local Authority Hostel cases are currently receiving Housing Benefit?
5. What is the highest eligible gross rent being paid for a Specified Exempt Supported Accommodation case by Housing Benefits?
6. What is the lowest eligible gross rent being paid for a Specified Exempt Supported Accommodation case by Housing Benefits?
7. What is the lowest core rent being paid for a Specified Exempt Supported Accommodation case by Housing Benefits?
8. What is the highest core rent being paid for a Specified Exempt Supported Accommodation case by Housing Benefits?
9. How many Specified Exempt Supported Accommodation cases are currently receiving Housing Benefit for the following eligible rent ranges: £150.00 per week eligible gross - £250.00 per week eligible?  
£251.00 per week eligible gross - £300.00 per week eligible gross?  
£301.00 per week eligible gross - £400.00 per week eligible gross?  
Greater than £400.00 per week eligible gross?
10. How many Specified General or Exempt Supported Accommodation cases have been referred to the Rent Officer service (VOA)?

11. How many Specified Exempt Supported Accommodation cases are being paid where the Local Authority is only receiving 60% subsidy?

12. How many Specified Exempt Supported Accommodation claims have received an 'unreasonably high' rent decision? -

Many thanks for your anticipated time and assistance with this matter and we will look forward to hearing from you shortly.

**Response:**

Thank you for your information request which Mid and East Antrim Borough Council received on 25/09/2019.

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

***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/236/1920 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/>.

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