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Dear [Name Redacted]

Freedom of Information – Request for Information

With regards to your recent enquiry for information held by the Authority under the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act. Please find the information you requested below with reference in the box to your original enquiry for clarity where multiple answers are required.

Details of Your Request

- 1) Would you consider a tenant who applies to the council for homelessness assistance following receipt of a valid section 21 notice to be intentionally homeless in any of the following circumstances:
 - a. If they leave before the date on the section 21 notice but have no permanent residence to go to?
 - b. If they leave on expiry of the section 21 notice, but have no permanent residence to go to?
 - c. If they leave after a possession order is issued by a court but have no permanent residence to go to?
 - d. If they leave after a warrant of possession is issued by a court but have no permanent residence to go to?
 - e. Or in any other circumstances?

- 2) How many (a) households; (b) individuals; and (c) children under 18 applied to the council for homelessness assistance following the receipt of a valid section 21 order from their landlord in the financial years:
 - i. 2014-15
 - ii. 2015-16
 - iii. 2016-17
 - iv. 2017-18 to date

- 3) Of the answers to Q2i-iii (years 2014-17), please can you indicate how many (a) households; (b) individuals; and (c) children under 18 were classed by the council as:
 - i. Intentionally homeless
 - ii. Unintentionally homeless

- 4) How many (a) households; (b) individuals; and (c) children under 18 who were evicted from their home after receiving a valid section 21 notice were housed by the council in the financial years:
 - i. 2014-15
 - ii. 2015-16
 - iii. 2016-17
 - iv. 2017-18 to date

Can you please break down the figures in Q4 by the type of accommodation in which the people were housed by the council eg. Private rented accommodation, bed and breakfast, hostel etc

The response to your request as follows:

- 1) We would only determine someone to be intentionally homeless if after investigation they meet the criteria listed within the code of guidance. Further information on what determines intentionality can be found from page p95 in the code of guidance on the following link https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/7841/152056.pdf. All cases are investigated individually and taking into account their circumstances- and therefore there are no set rules on what would automatically determine an applicant to be intentionally homeless.
- 2) We do not record the information in the way requested, we only record information in the way required to do so for completion of the P1E's and 'section 21' does not have a sole category within this data in reasons for homelessness, such applications would be recorded in other categories which may also include applicants which are not section 21 recipients.
- 3) As above
- 4) As above
- 5) As above

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Yours Sincerely

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