**Freedom of Information Act / Environmental Information Regulations Request**

Reference: ECC13808928 11 22
Response: 28 November 2022

**Question 1 -** **Can you tell me how many illegal and / or immigrants being processed are in hotel accommodation in Essex please.**

I can confirm that Essex County Council does not hold this information. This information would be held by the Home Office.

Under S.16 of the FOI Act it is our duty to advise and assist requesters, therefore we provide this contact information for the Home Office:

By Post :

Direct communications unit

2 Marsham Street

London

SW1P 4DF

United Kingdom

By email:foirequests@homeoffice.gov.uk

**Question 2 - Also, estimated homeless British citizens in Essex.**

This information is held by the individual district councils.

Under S.16 of the FOI Act it is our duty to advise and assist requesters, therefore

we provide a contact list of all such councils within Essex.

We can also advise that this information will be released by the government (Home Office) via the gov website : <https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/home-office>

**Question 3 - Also, how many British citizens, in Essex, having to resort to benefits to heat their homes and afford food.**

I can confirm that Essex County Council does not hold this information. This information would be held by the Department of Work and Pensions (DWP).

Under S.16 of the FOI Act it is our duty to advise and assist requesters, therefore we provide this link to make a request from them:

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/make-a-freedom-of-information-foi-request-to-dwp>

**Question 4 -** **Also, do they get free heating, benefits and a mobile phone?**

Please see answer to question 3 above.

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