**Freedom of Information Act Request**

Reference: ECC18075703 03 25
Response: 11 March 2025

I can confirm that Essex County Council does hold this information, and where we are able to release this, our response is listed below.

**Could you please provide:**

1. **The total number of patients referred to you as per duty to refer by all the NHS hospitals, trusts and foundation in your area of jurisdiction between 1 January 2024 and January 2025 because they were at risk of or experiencing homelessness.**
2. **The total number of patients with No Recourse to Public Funds (NRPF) referred to you as per duty to refer by all the NHS hospitals, trusts and foundation in your area of jurisdiction between 1 January 2024 and January 2025 because they were at risk of or experiencing homelessness.**
3. **The total number of people, who were provided accommodation after being referred to you as per duty to refer by all the nhs hospitals, trusts and foundation in your area of jurisdiction between 1 January 2024 and January 2025 because they were at risk of or experiencing homelessness. Please provide the number with breakdown by the duration of stay, like number of days, weeks or months, if possible.**
4. **The total number of people with No Recourse to Public Funds (NRPF), were provided accommodation after being referred to you as per duty to refer by all the NHS hospitals, trusts and foundation in your area of jurisdiction between 1 January 2024 and January 2025 under the Care Act 2014. Please provide the number with breakdown by the duration of stay, like number of days, weeks or months, if possible.**

I can confirm that Essex County Council does hold this information, however from our preliminary assessment, we estimate that compliance with your request would exceed the appropriate costs limit under section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000. This is currently £450. This limit is calculated 18 hours of work at a cost of £25 per hour.

The information you have requested is not available because it is not held in a reportable format and requires a manual interrogation of over 15,000 contacts from hospitals and GPs in the 1-year time period requested. At 3 mins per record that equates to 750 hours of work which exceeds the cost limit laid out in the Act.

This letter acts as a Refusal Notice in respect of your request.

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