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Of those who declared themselves as statutorily homeless in 2021-22, can you outline which level of priority they were awarded i.e. silver, gold etc...

Silver.

I would like you to supply me with the average amount that homeless applicants have been charged per month to live in temporary accommodation for the last three years i.e. b&b, supported living, shared accommodation spaces etc...

There is no average. In all cases, we follow the Scottish Government Homelessness Code of Guidance on accommodation charges and affordability. We take into account each individual's circumstance, their weekly incomes and outgoing in setting the charge to ensure that they are affordable. Households accommodated in temporary accommodation are supported to claim for Housing Benefit where they qualify and are offered financial assistance to maximise their income and help to stay out of debt.

The average waiting period that applicants in Edinburgh face from the day they declare themselves homeless to the point they are suitably housed.

This information is publicly available on the Council website:
https://edindexhousing.co.uk/media/Guide_on_Waiting_Times_Final_1_.pdf

If you do not have access to the Internet at home, you may be able to use facilities at your local public library or access a hardcopy version in your local council office.

Under the terms of the Act, a request for information can be refused where one or more of the exemptions listed in the Act apply. In this instance, the Council is claiming an exemption under section 25 of the Act because the information is 'otherwise accessible'.

The number of university students that have declared homeless status through ECC in last the three years.

Unfortunately, we are unable to provide you with the information you have requested as the cost to the Council of locating, retrieving and providing you with the information exceeds the statutory maximum of £600.

Section 12 (1) of the Act does not oblige a Scottish public authority to comply with a request for information if the authority estimates that the cost of complying with the request would exceed the statutory limit.

Information in relation to an applicant being a student is not recorded under one specific field/question and therefore we are unable to run a report which could provide this exact data. Our records will detail if someone is a student or their employment status etc, however this detail is recorded in the body of a report and cannot be retrieved without going through every single record (approx. 6000). Checking each record in order to collate the requested information, would take approximately 100 hours work, and at £15 per hour, the total cost of complying with your request is £1500

This sum has been calculated as follows:

6000 records X 1 minute to review each record = 6000 minutes
60000 minutes / 60 = 100 hours
100 hours work X £15 per hour (This is the capped maximum rate chargeable) = £1500