

## 56042 Caravan Dwellers

Does the council collect data on how many of its residents are living full-time in a caravan?

No. The residents of The City of Edinburgh Council's Travelling People Site are provided with permanent chalet accommodation. The residents have the option of placing a caravan on their plot if family members wish to visit for a short period. The Council does not collect data on other individuals who may be living in caravans.

If yes, what is the most recent data on how many such residents there are?

Please specify the time period for which this figure applies, and any relevant detail on how it was calculated – e.g. is it number of residents or number of households?

Not applicable.

Is it known what proportion of caravan dwellers are from Gypsy or Traveller communities?

If yes, please specify the proportion.

No. The City of Edinburgh Council manages encampments containing caravans when they appear in the city. Data on resident ethnicity is not collected.

If data is not formally collected on residents living full-time in a caravan, is the council aware of whether there are any such residents locally?

The Council is aware when an encampment of caravans (or otherwise) appears within the Local Authority boundary. These encampments are managed with respect to Internal Policy and with reference to The Scottish Governments Guidelines on Managing Unauthorised Encampments. Data is not collected regarding whether they are living in the caravan full-time.

Has the council ever used caravans to temporarily accommodate people who would otherwise be homeless?

If so, how many people are currently housed in this way?

No, not applicable.

Does the council have strategic plans which incorporate the use of caravans as temporary accommodation?

No.

Is the council taking any actions to assure itself of the electrical safety of caravans being used as dwellings?

If yes, please briefly detail the types of actions being taken.

No. The Council does not provide caravans to any residents.

In the past 12 months, has the council offered caravan dwellers any specific advice or support on electrical safety in their vehicle?

No.

Does the council collect any information on:

a) how caravan dwellers are accessing electricity

No. The Council does not collect this data. If a resident on the North Cairntow Travelling People Site chooses to position a caravan on their plot, electricity is accessed via a connection to the existing permanent chalet.

b) which electrical items they are using?

If so, please share details.

This data is not collected.

Into the remit of which a) councillor/s and b) officer/s, does the wellbeing and safety of caravan dwellers fall?

a. Councillor Lezley Marion Cameron is the Convenor of the Housing, Homelessness and Fair Work Committee, as published on our website at:

<https://democracy.edinburgh.gov.uk/mgCommitteeDetails.aspx?ID=141>

b. The Roadside Encampment Liaison Officer is primarily responsible for the wellbeing and safety of residents who occupy roadside encampments. Where appropriate, referrals are then made to partner organisations and internally to other colleagues.