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Does the Council have any hotel /bed and breakfast/Airbnb in Edinburgh or the Edinburgh area that are currently housing asylum seekers?

Responsibility for accommodating people seeking asylum belongs primarily to the Home Office however, in limited circumstances, a local authority can acquire that responsibility. The Council is currently accommodating four asylum-seeking households in accommodation of the type listed above.

Whether the accommodation providers mentioned above have the necessary planning permission for change of use from hotel accommodation to residential / hostel accommodation for asylum seekers?

The accommodation providers concerned have the necessary planning permissions in place.