

61501 Children and Homelessness

I am requesting some information pertaining to children and homelessness.

First, can you please provide the number of children taken into care by the council where a central reason for the decision was the family's homelessness, in each of the last five financial years (2021-22, 2022-23, 2023-24, 2024-25, 2025-26).

There are no such cases. Although we record the reason a child is taken into care, homelessness is not a category we have the option to record on our system. Housing would form part of the assessment, but that is not recorded in a reportable format.

Second, can you provide the number of households with children that approached the council as homeless, where the council ruled it had no duty and did not provide accommodation.

Please provide this for the financial years 2025-26, and 2024-25.

Please refer to the table below which provides the number of households with children we do not have a statutory duty to secure an offer of permanent housing for. This does not mean that we did not provide them with temporary accommodation whilst we investigated their circumstances.

Assessment Decision	2024-25	2025-26
Homeless - No Local Connection	6	12
Ineligible	58	56
Intentionally Homeless	3	3
Lost Contact Before Assessment	2	8
Not Homeless	16	24
Resolved	2	3
Withdrew	3	3
Pending Decision	2	11
Total	92	120