

64225 Inspections of Temporary Accommodation

For the purposes of this request, temporary accommodation means accommodation arranged or secured by the authority to meet homelessness duties, including B&Bs and hotels, hostels, nightly-paid accommodation, private sector leased accommodation and self-contained temporary accommodation.

Please state the total number of inspections, property standards checks or health and safety visits carried out by the authority, or on its behalf, in relation to temporary accommodation in each of the following periods:

- 2024/25
- 2025/26
- 2026/27 to date, stating the end date used

We do not hold specific numbers for each accommodation type.

However, the actions taken are summarised as follows:

Hotels - No inspections are carried out; hotels are subject to local and national inspection by SFRA, Local Authority Licencing Teams and the Health and Safety Executive.

Hostels – City of Edinburgh Council-operated hostels have weekly Health and Safety checks carried out by onsite staff. Commissioned services also undertake similar regular inspections. Hostels are also subject to regulation and inspection by the Care Inspectorate.

Private Sector Leasing (PSL) Properties – Inspections are carried out on a need basis if the residents raise specific concerns. Periodic maintenance is carried out in line with relevant requirements. All void properties are thoroughly inspected before being re-let.

City of Edinburgh Council-owned self-contained properties - As per the answer provided for PS properties.

B&B – Regular inspections are carried out. These are a combination of ad-hoc and planned inspections as well as inspections as a result of concerns/issues raised by residents.

HMOs - The City of Edinburgh Council does also carry out inspections of houses of multiple occupation (HMOs), some of which may also be used for Temporary Accommodation. However, the HMO inspection does not record whether the HMO is being used for Temporary Accommodation, and so specific numbers of inspections of HMO's used for Temporary Accommodation cannot be provided.

However, more information on HMO inspections in Edinburgh can be found within a recent report to the Regulatory Committee on 14/08/2026, available via the following link:

[https://democracy.edinburgh.gov.uk/documents/s101635/HMO Inspections.pdf](https://democracy.edinburgh.gov.uk/documents/s101635/HMO%20Inspections.pdf)

If the authority does not hold a total figure for any of those periods, please indicate which of the following best describes the position by marking the relevant option below:

- Inspections are carried out on a routine schedule but the total number is not centrally recorded

- Inspections are carried out each time a property becomes vacant or before a new placement is made
- Inspections are carried out only in response to a report, complaint or concern being raised
- Inspections are carried out by the accommodation provider or landlord rather than the authority
- The authority does not operate a routine inspection programme for temporary accommodation

[Please refer to the guidance provided in A1 above.](#)