



My Ref: FOI 6283
Enquiries to: Information Requests
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Dear Requester,

Re: Request for Information – Freedom of Information Act 2000

I wish to confirm that the council has completed its search for the information which you requested.

The information requested and our findings are as follows: -

Please provide information relating to current Housing Benefit claims for exempt accommodation / specified supported accommodation within your local authority area.

For the purposes of this request, I am seeking information specifically for self-contained one-bedroom flats within exempt supported housing, where Housing Benefit is currently being claimed.

Please provide the following information:

The current average weekly eligible rent being claimed for self-contained one-bedroom exempt supported housing flats in your area.

The current range of weekly eligible rent levels for self-contained one-bedroom exempt supported housing flats in your area, including:

- a. Lowest weekly eligible rent**
- b. Highest weekly eligible rent**
- c. Mean average weekly eligible rent**
- d. Median weekly eligible rent, if held**
- e. Lower quartile and upper quartile weekly rent, if held**

Please confirm whether the rent figures provided include:

- a. Core rent only**
- b. Eligible service charges**
- c. Intensive housing management charges**
- d. Any other eligible charges**

If possible, please provide the information broken down by:

- a. Registered Provider / housing association landlord**
- b. Charity or voluntary sector landlord**
- c. Non-registered provider / private landlord**
- d. Managing agent or lease-based supported housing provider**

Please provide the number of current live Housing Benefit claims used to calculate the figures.

If the authority does not hold the information specifically for one-bedroom flats, please provide the closest available equivalent, such as:

- a. All self-contained exempt supported housing units**
- b. All one-bedroom supported housing units**
- c. All exempt accommodation claims where bedroom size is not recorded**

Please confirm the date or reporting period to which the data relates.

I am not requesting any personal information relating to individual tenants. Where disclosure of provider-level information is considered commercially sensitive or may identify a small number of individuals, please provide the data in anonymised or aggregated form.

We don't hold the information requested specifically for one – bedroom flats. However, we are able to provide data for all exempt accommodation claims where bedroom size is not recorded. The data is correct as of 1 July 2026.

Please see the table below for the requested information. The figures are based on 501 current live Housing Benefit claims. All rent figures provided include core rent, eligible service charges and intensive housing management charges and all rents levels provided relate to registered social landlords.

Highest rent	£667.27
Lowest rent	£90.34
Mean average rent	£291.90
Median rent	£262.57
Lower quartile rent	£186.03
Upper quartile rent	£367.24

If you have any queries about this letter, please contact Information Requests Via email.

Please remember to quote the reference number above in any future communications.

If you are unhappy with the way the Directorate has handled your request, you may ask for an internal review. Please clearly mark your correspondence 'Complaint' and address it to:

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If you are not content with the outcome of the internal review, you have the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at: -

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Kind regards,

Information Requests Team, Barnsley MBC

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