



Further to your information request FOI/EIR 24/25-046, please find your question and our response below.

Request:

1 Does your local authority use converted shipping containers, or similar structures, as 'temporary', 'interim' or 'emergency' accommodation?

Please answer questions 2 to 5 if your authority does use shipping containers or similar structures as temporary accommodation:

2 (i) How many were in use in the past 12 months from April 2023? (ii) Please provide the same figures for 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021 and 2022, if available.

3 How many (i) individuals and (ii) families with children are currently being supported in this type of temporary accommodation?

4 What is your policy for the maximum length of time that anyone being assisted by your authority should be kept in this type of accommodation?

5 What is the longest amount of time an (i) individual or (ii) a family has been housed in this type of accommodation?

6 Please outline how many people being supported by your authority in this manner are care leavers if that information is available.

7 Does your local authority make use of caravan parks, either private or council owned, to house individuals or families, as a form of temporary housing?

If question 7 is applicable to your authority, please answer the questions 8 to 10

8 (i) How many sites are currently being used? (ii) How many individual units is this?

9 How many (i) individuals or (ii) family groups are currently being supported in this way?

10 Please outline how many people being supported by your authority in this manner are care leavers if that information is available.

Response:

1. No
2. n/a
3. n/a
4. n/a
5. n/a
6. n/a
7. No
8. n/a
9. n/a
10. n/a

This concludes your request FOI/EIR 24/25-046.

If information has been refused, please treat this as a Refusal Notice for the purposes of the Act.

If you disagree with our decision or are otherwise unhappy with how we have dealt with your request in the first instance you may approach foi@eastcambs.gov.uk and request a review. A request for review must be made in no more than 40 working days from the date of this email.

Should you remain dissatisfied with the outcome you have a right under s50 of the Freedom of Information Act to appeal against the decision by contacting the Information Commissioner, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow SK9 5AF.