

# GREATER LONDON AUTHORITY

[REDACTED]  
(By email)

Our ref: MGLA201120-0498

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Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your request for information which the Greater London Authority (GLA) received on 18 November. Your request has been dealt with under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

You asked for:

*My request relates to empty residential properties and homelessness. I would like to request the number of residential properties within your council area (not limited to council or social housing) which have had no residents for the entirety (or most of) the following years: i) 2016/17 ii) 2017/18 iii) 2018/19 iv) 2019-20 v) 2020-21*

*I would also like to request the number of people declared intentionally homeless within your council, relating to the following periods: i) 2016/17 ii) 2017/18 iii) 2018/19-to date*

*I would also like to request the number of people declared unintentionally homeless within your council area, relating to the following periods: i) 2016/17 ii) 2017/18 iii) 2018/19-to date*

*I would also like to request any other data used to measure the number of homeless people and/or rough sleepers within your council area, relating to the following periods: i) 2016/17 ii) 2017/18 iii) 2018/19-to date*

Our response to your request is as follows:

The GLA is London's strategic government and does not gather its own data on empty homes or homelessness. Instead we use the statistics published by MHCLG for empty homes:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/statistical-data-sets/live-tables-on-dwelling-stock-including-vacants>

For homelessness: <https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/homelessness-statistics>

Trend data on rough sleeping in London gathered through the CHAIN system is published here:

<https://data.london.gov.uk/dataset/chain-reports>

If you have any further questions relating to this matter, please contact the GLA, quoting the reference noted above.

Yours sincerely



Information Governance Officer

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<https://www.london.gov.uk/about-us/governance-and-spending/sharing-our-information/freedom-information>