EBC Homelessness statistics and FAQs

Year	Number of households in temporary accommodation organised by the Council	How many households were placed in B&B accommodation	How many households were given temporary accommodation outside of the Council area
2010	44	42	40
2011	75	75	66
2012	72	65	50
2013	67	64	33
2014	67	65	41
2015	58	54	46
2016	46	45	40
2017	31	30	29
2018	50	48	39
2019	76	75	51

How many of those in temporary accommodation were children in each of the years from 2010-2019?

As part of recording our temporary accommodation use, we have not historically detailed the household make-up of each placement. Obtaining this information would require accessing every housing register account for each placement which would take significant time given the number of temporary accommodation bookings recorded. Many of the historic bookings (prior to the introduction of the Hampshire Home Choice system in 2014, together with the homeless module for recording homeless applications) only state the applicants surname so identifying those with common surnames would add further time pressures.

What was the average length of time a family spent in temporary accommodation in each of the years from 2010-2019?

As above we have not historically detailed the household make-up of each placement so again, obtaining this information would require accessing every housing register account for each placement which would take significant time given the number of temporary accommodation bookings recorded. Many of the historic bookings (prior to the introduction of the Hampshire Home Choice system in 2014, together with the homeless module for recording homeless applications) only state the applicants surname so identifying those with common surnames would add further time pressures.

How many children were given temporary accommodation outside the council area in each of the years from 2010-2019?

As above, this information is only obtainable by accessing every each application of those placed in temporary accommodation.

What is the average cost per night paid by the council for temporary accommodation in each of the years from 2010-2019?

When making a temporary accommodation booking we have historically recorded the weekly cost for the room/s. To establish an average cost per night, we would need to calculate the number of days each household has spent in temporary accommodation and obtain the figure this way. Also, the costs per stay can highly fluctuate according to whether we are booking a single room, a family room, on some occasions 2 rooms. There are also occasions where the room is charged per person as opposed to per night. This question therefore doesn't account for those eventualities.

What was the number of people found to be rough sleeping in the area administered by the council in each of the years from 2010 – 2019?

Eastleigh Borough Council takes part in the annual rough sleeper count by engaging with our local services and providing an estimate of any known rough sleepers who are bedding down on the night. To date, we have not recorded the number of persons found to be sleeping rough throughout the year. We have an outreach service who responds immediately in the event of identifying a rough sleeper in the area. They would then visit the site immediately in an attempt to engage with the person and introduce them to our service to provide help and support to resolve their housing needs. Despite our efforts, some rough sleepers opt not to engage with services and when approached by our outreach service may often choose to move onto another destination. It would therefore not be consistently accurate to record every sighting of a rough sleeper as a new case.

What was the number of people found to be homeless in the area administered by the council in each of the years from 2010 to 2019?

This question is broad and would require some further definition before a full response can be formulated. Some of the information that we have historically recorded would not be accurate for the following reasons:

- The number of households placed in emergency accommodation would reflect the number of homeless persons who have made a homeless application to EBC where we have determined that they are eligible, homeless and have reason to believe that they are priority need. However, this figure would not include those who are not in priority need and therefore were not offered emergency accommodation.
- The number of homeless applications taken would include households who are threatened with homelessness and in some cases the threat of homelessness would have been prevented prior to homelessness occurring. There is again the issue of non-priority need cases who may not have been homeless but did not make a homeless application and also those who following investigation of their homeless application were found to be not homeless.

How much was spent by the council on schemes aimed at tackling homelessness in each of the years between 2010 and 2019?

EBC's Homelessness and Rough Sleeping Strategy 2019-2024 publishes our annual spend on homeless prevention loan schemes from 2014, however, this information is correlated by financial year as opposed to per calendar year.

How much was spent by the council on 'Housing First' style schemes aimed at tackling homelessness in each of the years between 2010 and 2019?

EBC has not yet adopted a Housing First style scheme in the borough.

How much was spent by the council from Government grants on 'Housing First' style schemes aimed at tackling homelessness in each of the years from 2010-2019?

EBC has not yet adopted a Housing First style scheme in the borough.

Summary of spending on Bed and Breakfast & Homelessness prevention loans 2010 – 2019

	Spend on B&B (£)	Spend on homelessness prevention loans (£)
2010 - 2011	95,669	53,546
2011 - 2012	199,176	57,731
2012 - 2013	149,176	51,270
2013 - 2014	141,593	107,631
2014 - 2015	165,191	108,656
2015 - 2016	115,264	107,326
2016 - 2017	90,478	123,348
2017 - 2018	65,802	82,525
2018 - 2019	111,303	106,153
2019 - 2020	147,195	84,278