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Freedom of Information Act 2000 Enquiry: Bed Poverty Statistics

Thank you for contacting West Yorkshire Combined Authority ('the Combined Authority') with your request for information, received on 15/01/2026. Your request was:

"1. Policies & Strategies: Can you please state any policies held by the Combined Authority that aim to improve the sleeping conditions and sleep health of children within the area. Including (but not limited to) housing standards, public health initiatives, family support programmes, or education-related interventions that impact children's sleep.

2. Funding & Grants: A list of any grants or funding allocations made by the Combined Authority to constituent councils or third-party organisations for projects specifically aimed at improving children's sleep outcomes in the last three financial years (2022/23, 2023/24, 2024/25).

3. Bed Poverty & Crisis Support: For the financial years 2023/24 and 2024/25, how many requests for "crisis support" or "local welfare assistance" were received by the authority (or its constituent members, if held centrally) specifically for the provision of beds, mattresses, or bedding for children?

*4. Fulfilment Rates: Of the requests identified in Question 3, how many were:
-Successfully fulfilled (bed/bedding provided)?
-Declined due to lack of funding or eligibility criteria?"*

This request was handled under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, and after undertaking our searches, I can confirm that the Combined Authority does not hold the information covered by your request.

In terms of adopted policy positions relating to housing standards, these do not directly reference the sleep health of children. However, our West Yorkshire Housing Strategy connects housing with wider population health challenges, including levels of non-decent homes across West Yorkshire, and sets out our ambition to work with local authorities towards eliminating non-decent homes and improving the quality of homes in the private rented sector across the lifetime of the strategy to 2040. This material can be located at



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pages 44-45 of the [West Yorkshire Housing Strategy 2040](#) under Objective 3 (improving the quality of our existing homes).

There will of course be indirect benefits from the work undertaken through Combined Authority projects around improving the warmth and energy efficiency of homes which could lead to better sleep outcomes, but we do not capture such specific data.

The 5 district councils within West Yorkshire may hold information relevant to your request.

If you wish to re-submit your request to the local councils in West Yorkshire, please find links to their respective contact details below:

<https://www.leeds.gov.uk/opensdata/freedom-of-information-act-2000>

<https://www.bradford.gov.uk/open-data/freedom-of-information/freedom-of-information/>

<http://www.calderdale.gov.uk/v2/council/data-and-information/data-protection-and-freedom-information/freedom-information>

<http://www.kirklees.gov.uk/beta/information-and-data/freedom-of-information.aspx>

<http://www.wakefield.gov.uk/about-the-council/access-to-information/freedom-of-information/how-to-make-a-request>

If you believe that your request for information has not been handled properly, you can ask for an internal review of our decision. Internal review requests should be submitted within two months of the date of receipt of this letter.

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:

Information Commissioner's Office
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
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For your information, there is no charge for making an appeal.

Yours sincerely,

Information Governance Officer

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