

RUGBY BOROUGH COUNCIL
QUESTION PURSUANT TO STANDING ORDER 10
COUNCIL – 13 MARCH 2024
QUESTION B

Councillor Alison Livesey to ask the Communities, Home, Digital and Communication Portfolio Holder, Councillor Tim Willis:

“How many children aged under 10 and specifically, babies aged under one have been housed in temporary accommodation by RBC (broken down by inside and outside the borough) since March 2023, how many of their families have been found permanent accommodation and how many children remain in temporary accommodation in March 2024? What out of borough locations have been used?”

Councillor Tim Willis, Communities, Home, Digital and Communication Portfolio Holder, to respond as follows:

“Thank you for your question, Councillor Livesey.

Between March 2023 and March 2024, 196 children under the age of 10 have been accommodated in interim accommodation by the Council. This includes 3 children under the age of one. This is from a total of 57 households with children that were accommodated during that time, with 18 of these families each having three or more children.

We utilise a range of suitable temporary accommodation, which includes our own stock and privately leased properties. Bed & Breakfast will only be used as a last resort, and I can confirm that no children are temporarily accommodated in HMO's.

Of the 57 households, 43 households were supported to secure permanent accommodation.

There are currently 14 households, with 39 children aged under 10 (including one aged under 1-year old) in temporary accommodation, whilst their application in respect of homelessness is being assessed to determine the duty owed by the council under the Homelessness Reduction Act 2017.

During the same period, the Council has temporarily accommodated families including 4 children under the age of 10, outside of the borough. None of these children were under the age of 1-year. These placements were split across Northampton, Nuneaton and Lutterworth and ranged from between 2 and 5 days.”