East Lothian Council

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In accordance with the Freedom of Information Act, I would be grateful if you could answer the following two questions.

1. How many people in your local authority area who a) have made a homeless application b) are living in temporary accommodation are terminally ill?

East Lothian Council (ELC) has no record and is not aware of any terminally ill clients currently within the Homeless service.

In view of this, under Section 17(1)(b) of the Act, I must formally advise you that ELC has been unable to comply with your request as the information you require is not held.

2. What is the council's policy in regard to assisting homeless people with terminal illness, (such as support with healthcare and accommodation etc.)

Where such clients do occur, ELC's Homeless service work with our colleagues (Social Work and Health etc.) to ensure that any accommodation provided meets their requirements. This is a matter which would be dealt with on a case by case basis so it is difficult to be more precise about what these support actions may be as this will depend on the circumstances of the individual case.