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Private Rented Sector Offer (PRSO)

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Information Request and Response by Lewes District Council

I am interested in obtaining data on the discharge of the Council's statutory homeless duty, particularly with reference to private rented sector; I understand that the council can fully discharge the housing duty towards an applicant by making a 'private rented sector offer' (PRSO) under s. 193 (7AA)-(7AC) of the Housing Act 1996 as amended by s. 148 (5)-(7) Localism Act 2011.

I understand that the offer of accommodation needs to be suitable, but does not require the applicant's acceptance to be a valid offer. Therefore I would be interested to know:

- a) *how many times the council have discharged their duty towards an applicant by making a PRSO, each month, since the enactment of the Localism Act 2011, and*
Zero

- b) *in how many instances this has followed the refusal of the offer by the applicant.*
Zero