

**Written Question to Leader of the Council****Report by John Blair, Director, Resources****1. Question to the Leader of the Council**

In terms of Standing Order 4.3(vii), the following written question has been received from Councillor Johnstone:-

*Under the current system for people presenting as homeless how many persons have (a) low support needs, (b) medium support needs and (c) high support needs? What proportion of a, b, and c will be housed at Pentland house? What are the current options for those who have medium to high support needs?*

*How many persons presenting as homeless are being turned away daily? How many of those meets criteria for assistance and needs? How many persons are being asked to phone daily to request availability for emergency housing? And of these how many are single persons?*

*Will the council leader look to put in place immediate improvements to the current system to ensure the number of people in Midlothian sleeping rough does not increase?*

**2. Recommendation**

The Leader of the Council is invited to respond to the question.

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