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Freedom of Information Request: Our Reference CTMUHB_309_26

You asked:

Please provide the number of mattresses and cushions disposed of, scrapped, or sent to waste by your Community Equipment Service (CES) in each of the following financial years:

- 2023–24
- 2024–25
- 2025–26

If held, please separate the figures into:

- Mattresses
- Cushions

Please also state, if available:

- the total disposal cost associated with these items
- whether the waste stream was landfill, incineration, recycling, or other disposal route.

Our response:

This information is not recorded.

The FOIA provides a right to recorded information held by a public authority, subject to exemptions. A public authority may provide information that has been extracted and presented in a different form.

However, it is not required to create new information in order to respond to a request. The ICO's current view is that if a summary is not already held then, in most instances, the provision of this information would require the creation of new information by the public authority.

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