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THE ROYAL BOROUGH OF  
**KENSINGTON  
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Clive Betts MP  
Chair, Housing, Communities and Local Government Committee  
House of Commons  
London  
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Dear Clive

I understand that the Committee has requested additional information about the numbers of households with children from Grenfell Tower and Grenfell Walk who have, at any time since the fire, been in non-self-contained (hotel) accommodation for longer than the 6 weeks permitted by law.

In the immediate aftermath of the fire, the data on the location of individual households was not always accurate. We first reported officially the number of households with children to the Government through the CRIP report on 18 December 2018, 6 months after the fire. At this time there were still 22 households with children from Grenfell Tower and Grenfell Walk in hotel accommodation (a total of 34 children). There are now five households and a total of 10 children living in hotel accommodation.

As the Leader of the Council said in her letter to you, we have been anxious throughout to ensure that families with children do not spend any longer in emergency accommodation than is necessary. We offered temporary accommodation to households with children and supported them to move from hotels to self-contained serviced apartments where possible. Under our Grenfell Rehousing Policy, implemented shortly after the fire, families with children were given priority after bereaved residents and residents with disabilities.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Barry Quirk'.

Barry Quirk  
Chief Executive