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Thank you for your letter of 20 January regarding our statistics on severe overcrowding in social housing.

We analyse trends in overcrowding at the London level using the same data and methodology as used by DCLG for trends at the national level. Based on the English Housing Survey data for 2009/10 to 2011/12, we estimate that 1.6% of social renting households in London are overcrowded, with a 95% confidence interval of plus or minus 0.6%. This compares to an estimate of 2.2% in the three years to 2010/11, with a confidence interval of plus/minus 0.8%.

The data indicates that the trend is downward.

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