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Subject: Request for a list of active Community Interest Companies (CIC's) in the UK

Date Released: 27 April 2016

Summary of request: The enquirer requested a list of active Community Interest Companies (CIC's) in the UK

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You asked for a list of all active CIC's (Community Interest Companies) in the UK.

Companies House (CH) publishes a register of company information and makes it available to the public on our website <https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/companies-house>
Details of all our products can be found in 'Our Services' which is accessible from this link.

I have looked at the information you require but as it is already in the public domain I must refuse to disclose it to you. Under section 21 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 any information that is reasonably accessible to the applicant, albeit on payment of a fee, is exempt information under the Act. However, to be of assistance I will explain how to obtain the information you require.

CH provides 'bulk company data' free of charge, the following is a direct link to this Free Company Data Product: http://download.companieshouse.gov.uk/en_output.html (also accessible from the 'Our Services' link on our Home page). This product provides a snapshot from the public register in CSV format. By downloading the 'Basic Company Data Product' and using the 'Find' functionality in the spreadsheet, you can filter/search the spreadsheet for CIC companies (in the Company Type column)

CH also provides a free Beta Service <https://beta.companieshouse.gov.uk/> by entering CIC in the search field you will retrieve a list of companies with CIC in their name.

Please note that in some instances the 'find' tool will locate a company that just has the letters 'CIC' in its name and the company may not necessarily be a CIC company.

Alternatively, we also have a DVD Directory which can be searched for company type and a one off copy costs £30. For further information, please use the following link:
<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/companies-house/about/about-our-services#dvd-products>