



Our Reference:

**BY EMAIL ONLY**

19 May 2015

Dear

**Request for Information**

Thank you for your email dated 15 May 2015 requesting information the following information:

*I am hoping to find out under the Freedom of Information Act whether there is a publicly available register of all HMO properties?*

*I look forward to hearing from you as to whether you can support this.*

To provide some background, if a landlord lets their property to several tenants who aren't members of the same family, it may be a 'House in Multiple Occupation' (HMO). An HMO must have a license for several reasons and you can find out what requirements a local council has for this licensing [here](#).

**Information not held**

We have had the opportunity to investigate your request and are writing to confirm that the Homes and Communities Agency (HCA) does hold, nor publish, a register of licenced HMOs as requested. However we are aware that this information is publicly available as it is collected and published by each Local Authority (LA). The registers they hold are for that Local Authority area only and most are available on their websites. You can find a full list of LA's in England, Wales, Northern Ireland and Scotland via the link below:

<https://www.gov.uk/find-your-local-council>

If you have any questions regarding this response or any further queries you can contact us at the following addresses and quote your unique reference number found at the top of this letter:

**Email:** [mail@homesandcommunities.co.uk](mailto:mail@homesandcommunities.co.uk)

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If you are unhappy with the way Homes and Communities Agency has handled your request you may ask for an internal review. You should contact

Head of Legal Services  
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2 Marsham Street  
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If you are not content with the outcome of the internal review, you have the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at

Information Commissioner's Office  
Wycliffe House  
Water Lane  
Wilmslow  
Cheshire  
SK9 5AF

Yours sincerely

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Homes and Communities Agency