



Our Reference:

**BY EMAIL ONLY**

28 October 2015

Dear

**Request for Information**

Thank you for your email dated 4 October 2015 requesting the following information:

*Is it possible to advise me as to what happens to the audited annual accounts submitted by Registered Providers to the HCA please and whether any of the information is used in any monitoring or recording systems at the HCA.*

All private registered providers are required to submit their annual accounts to the regulator. The regulator logs receipt of the accounts and retains the most recent accounts on its public register of providers. In addition to retaining the most recent version of the accounts, the regulator uses the accounts to inform its regulatory role in monitoring compliance in relation to the Governance and Financial viability standard with particular reference to the viability of providers. For larger providers the annual accounts supplement the other information we use in stability checks and in depth assessments. For smaller providers the regulator reviews and uses the information from the annual accounts as its main source of assurance on viability of small providers. The publication 'Regulating the Standards' sets out the information the regulator uses and how it uses it to carry out its regulation. You can find this via our website [here](#).

Additionally the regulator uses data sourced from the audited annual accounts of larger providers (those with greater than 1,000 homes) to produce its annual publication 'The Global Accounts of Housing Providers'.

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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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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