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Agency

Our Reference:

BY EMAIL ONLY

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Dear

Request for Information

Thank you for your email dated 30 October 2015 requesting the following information:

I am aware of some limited information published on your web site regarding disposals of social rented dwellings under category 5, including an approval for Genesis Housing Associated Ltd to dispose of properties in London.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/policies-for-disposals-under-category-5-approved-by-the-regulator-for-which-letters-of-authorisation-have-been-issued>

Please can you send me, under the Freedom of Information Act, any records you hold on the number of disposals of social rented homes by Registered Social Landlords in Greater London, including those covered by the aforementioned approval for Genesis, since 2009?

Information not held

We are writing to confirm the Homes and Communities Agency (HCA) as Social Housing Regulator (SHR) does not record the amount of disposals made by a Registered Provider (RP) under category 5. The SHR does require that RPs maintain a register of the disposals under the programme and this can be requested by the SHR if required. IN this case we do not currently hold this register and under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 we are not obliged to create or source information that we do not hold.

However we can confirm that under the disposal programme that ended in June 2015, Genesis Housing Association Ltd (GHA), no more than 374 disposals were permitted to occur in total (not just Greater London).

In case it is of assistance, we are able to provide you with figures for individual consent applications made by GHA excluding category 5 disposals. Please note though that the figures below are only for the number of consent applications that have been submitted and

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this might not reflect the number of actual disposals. Further, our records only go back as far as 2011.

- RPCON1/DC1 – 27 applications
- S133 – 0 applications
- S172 Disposal – 179 applications

Finally, we are unable to provide the *'number of disposals of social rented homes by Registered Social Landlords in Greater London'* as we would need to have the names of specific RPs in order to search our records and, as above, we would only be able to provide figures on number of applications for consents to dispose and not the actual disposal numbers. Further, if the RP operated outside of Greater London as well, we would be unable to provide details of where the application for disposal related to geographically.

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

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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

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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
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Yours sincerely

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