

Date: 23/01/19
Our Ref: RFI2586
Your Ref: FOI Request – Plus Dane Housing (Group)
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Dear ██████████

RE: Request for Information – RFI2586

Thank you for your recent email, which was processed under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA). For clarification, you requested the following information:

Would you please provide me information on the following,

1. *The name(s) of the Funding and the amount (for each funding) that Plus Dane Housing had received for their remodelling and refurbishment work in the Welsh Streets area?*
2. *A copy of the Government Guideline on each funding.*
3. *Had 'PlaceFirst' received any funding for their Welsh Streets work from Homes England?*

Response

We will address each of your points in turn.

- 1) We are able to confirm that we do hold the information that you have requested, To date, Plus Dane has received a total of £690,000.00 for 20 units of refurb/remodelling which started in April 2018 from the Shared Ownership and Affordable Housing Programme.
- 2) We are able to inform you that we do hold the information that you have requested. However, we rely on section 21, the exemption where information is accessible to applicant by other means under the FOIA.

The full text of the legislation can be found on the following link and we have quoted section 21 below for ease.

<https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2000/36/section/21>

Section 21 - Information accessible to applicant by other means.

- (1) Information which is reasonably accessible to the applicant otherwise than under section 1 is exempt information.
- (2) For the purposes of subsection (1)
 - (a) information may be reasonably accessible to the applicant even though it is accessible only on payment, and
 - (b) information is to be taken to be reasonably accessible to the applicant if it is information which the public authority or any other person is obliged by or under any enactment to communicate (otherwise than by making the information available for inspection) to members of the public on request, whether free of charge or on payment.

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(3) For the purposes of subsection (1), information which is held by a public authority and does not fall within subsection (2)(b) is not to be regarded as reasonably accessible to the applicant merely because the information is available from the public authority itself on request, unless the information is made available in accordance with the authority's publication scheme and any payment required is specified in, or determined in accordance with, the scheme.

Advice and Assistance

To comply with our duty to offer advice and assistance under section 16 of the FOIA please see the links below which will direct you to the Prospectus for the Shared Ownership and Affordable Housing Programme and the overriding guidance note, the Capital Funding Guide.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/shared-ownership-and-affordable-homes-programme-2016-to-2021-prospectus>

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/capital-funding-guide>

3) We are able to confirm that we do not hold the information that you have requested. Place First has not received any funding from Homes England for their Welsh Streets work.

Right to Appeal

If you are not happy with the information that has been provided or the way in which your request has been handled you may request an internal review by writing to;

The Information Access Team
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You may also complain to the Information Commissioner however, the Information Commissioner does usually expect the internal review procedure to be exhausted in the first instance.

The Information Commissioner's details can be found via the following link

<https://ico.org.uk/>

Please note that the contents of your request and this response are also subject to the Freedom of Information Act 2000. Homes England may be required to disclose your request and our response accordingly.

Yours sincerely,

Information Access Team
For Homes England