

Date: 17/06/2019  
Our Ref: RF12694  
Your Ref: FOI Request – Help to Buy Leasehold Properties  
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Dear ██████████,

**RE: Request for Information – RF12694**

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

- *The total number of Help to Buy loans granted against **leasehold**, new build properties.*
- *I am particularly interested in the South West area for the last three calendar years (2016,2017,2018).*

**Response**

We are able to inform you that we do hold the information that you have requested. However, we rely on section 21, exemption where information is available to the applicant elsewhere.

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>

**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.

(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**

We have a duty to provide advice and assistance in accordance with Section 16 of the FOIA and therefore can advise that Help to Buy statistics that include the data you have requested are published in the government's Official

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Statistics. This can be found on the below link. We would direct you to Table 9bii “Number of Help to Buy: Equity Loans (quarterly) for leasehold houses, by local authority, England” in particular.

[https://www.gov.uk/government/statistics?keywords=help+to+buy&taxons%5B%5D=all&departments%5B%5D=all&from\\_date=&to\\_date=](https://www.gov.uk/government/statistics?keywords=help+to+buy&taxons%5B%5D=all&departments%5B%5D=all&from_date=&to_date=)

### **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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Or by email to [foi@homesengland.gov.uk](mailto:foi@homesengland.gov.uk)

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