Date: 29/07/2019 Our Ref: RFI2711

Your Ref: FOI Request - Registered Providers Grant Allocations

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RE: Request for Information - RFI2711

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

Can you please confirm grant allocations made to "For Profit" Registered Providers in the last 5 years

Response

We can confirm that we do hold information relating to your request.

Please see the table below which confirms grant allocations made to "For Profit" Registered providers for the past five years, to the end of the 2019 financial year. This data is from our Care and Support and Shared Ownership and Affordable Homes Programmes. No other Homes England programmes have made grant funding to "For Profit" Registered Providers.

	Care and Support			Shared Ownership and Affordable Homes Programme		
Lead Organisation	2017/2018	2018/2019	Total	2017/2018	2018/2019	Total
Name						
French Weir			£0	£18,000	£0	£18,000
Affordable Homes						
Loddon Homes			£0	£258,095	£33,554	£291,649
Limited						
Funding Affordable	£0	£3,198,376	£3,198,376	£3,751,763	£0	£3,751,763
Homes Housing						
Association Limited						
Grand Total	£0	£3,198,376	£3,198,376	£4,027,858	£33,554	£4061412

Data for 2019/2020

Section 43 - Commercial interests

The information requested relating to 2019/2020 engages section 43(2) of the FOIA as its release would be likely to, prejudice the commercial interests of the Agency.

Section 43 is a qualified exemption. This means that in order to withhold information under this exemption, we must consider the public interest in disclosure.

<u>Public Interest Test – Factors in favour of disclosure</u>

Homes England is compliant with the government agenda of transparency and recognises the benefit of publishing the information, particularly when it concerns how Homes England undertakes its work.

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Public Interest Test – Factors in favour of non-disclosure

Homes England believes it should not release data for 2019/2020 as this would detrimentally affect both Homes England and any Registered Providers who have been allocated grant funding.

The data for 2019/2020 relates to ongoing funding allocations and as such, is subject to change. Delivery data is subject to monthly change and must go through an assurance process before it is complete and in its final form. This assurance process takes place every six months. If these figures have not been assured or provided in context they would not give a complete or accurate picture of the funding. Release of incomplete figures could adversely influence the way the data is used or interpreted and cause prejudice to the involved parties.

Homes England believes it should not release this data as the consequences of releasing data that is not yet confirmed/complete could damage our relationships with partners and put potential funding allocations at risk. This would not be in the public interest as this could put potential homes in jeopardy.

Therefore after careful consideration we have concluded that at this time, the balance of the public interest favours the non-disclosure.

The full text of in the legislation can be found on the following link;

https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2000/36/section/43

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 Homes England – 6th Floor Windsor House 50 Victoria Street London SW1H 0TL

Or by email to 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