

Date: 12/08/2019
Our Ref: RFI2755
Your Ref: FOI Request – Landlord Registrations
Tel: 0300 1234 500
Email: foi@homesengland.gov.uk



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England

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By Email Only

Windsor House
Homes England – 6th Floor
50 Victoria Street
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Dear ██████████

RE: Request for Information – RFI2755

Thank you for your email of 10 August 2019, which was processed under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA).

For clarification, you requested the following information:

I would like to find out if my Public Sector Landlord is registered with Homes England.

I rent privately through Real Letting on behalf of St. Mungos.

I am asking as I am looking into my buying options having lived at my address for over 3 years.

Response

I am able to confirm that Homes England does not hold the information detailed in your request. This is because there is no legal or business reason for Homes England to do so.

The FOIA does not oblige a public authority to create information to answer a request if the requested information is not held. The duty under section 1(1) is only to provide the recorded information held.

The full text of section 1 in the legislation can be found here:

<https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2000/36/section/1>

Advice and Assistance

We have a duty to provide advice and assistance in accordance with Section 16 of the FOIA. To comply with this duty we are able to confirm that the information you have requested is held by The Regulator of Social Housing. Homes England and the Regulator became separate entities on 1 October 2018. Details for the Regulator can be found below:

enquiries@rsh.gov.uk

Referrals and Regulatory Enquiries team - FOI request
1st Floor – Lateral
8 City Walk
Leeds
LS11 9AT

or call
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Further Information about the Right to Acquire scheme is provided below:

Right to Acquire

If you think you qualify for the Housing Association Right to Acquire scheme, you should contact your Landlord to claim the Right to Acquire. You will need to complete an application form which you may obtain from your Landlord.

Information pertaining to the Right to Acquire can be found in the Agency's information booklet.

Please note that the information booklet is here:

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/media/5809e538e5274a67eb00001a/RTA_booklet_2015_-_full.pdf

and has been republished to take account of the reduced qualifying tenancy period of 3 years introduced from 26 May 2015 onwards.

Information about the discounts can be found here:

<https://www.gov.uk/right-to-acquire-buying-housing-association-home/discounts>

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/capital-funding-guide/10-right-to-acquire>

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
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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

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