

Date: 13/09/2019
Our Ref: RFI2780
Your Ref: FOI Request – Social Housing
Tel: 0300 1234 500
Email: foi@homesengland.gov.uk



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By Email Only

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Dear ██████████

RE: Request for Information – RFI2780

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

1. *The number of people that are on a Council House waiting list.*
2. *The number of people on a Council House waiting list that are classed as urgent/critical (i.e. Band A or 1).*
3. *The number of people that are currently in "temporary accommodation"*
4. *Amount that is spent on "temporary accommodation" annually/monthly*
5. *The number of Council Houses currently owned by Local Authorities*
6. *How many extra homes will be provided by the council as council homes over the next 5 years?*
7. *How many of these properties will be built and owned by the Local Authority?*
8. *How many of these properties will be provided by Housing Associations?*
9. *How many of these properties will be provided by other means?*

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, as the requested information does not fall within our remit.

In order to conclude that the information is not held, we have searched with our Programmes and Housing teams who would have the requested information if held.

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 this information may be held by the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government. Their details can be found below.

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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

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