

Date: 09/10/2019
Our Ref: RFI2783
Your Ref: FOI Request – Help to Buy Scheme Data
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Dear ██████████

RE: Request for Information – RFI2783

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 request for information is related to work I have been doing for my PhD that studies the efficacy of the help-to-buy equity loan scheme introduced in April of 2013. For this study I want to understand how this scheme has affected house prices on the properties that have been funded with the equity loan. At the moment I can see on the public database "Open Data" that there is some data available, however, it is all aggregated data and thus not fit for my purposes. I want to know how I can gain access to data that is only aggregated at the postcode district and month level for the whole period of the scheme to date.

Response

We can confirm that we do hold the requested information which is enclosed in Annex A.

The table provided states the average purchase price for properties purchased through the Help to Buy Scheme per month, broken down by postcode district between the period of April 2013 and March 2019.

To confirm, this is a further breakdown of table 4 found in the Help to Buy (equity loan scheme) statistics that are published here:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/statistics/help-to-buy-equity-loan-scheme-statistics-april-2013-to-31-march-2019-england>

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;

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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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