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

By Email Only

Dear

RE: Request for Information – RFI2786

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

Do Homes England have an Employee Code of Conduct policy document?

If so, can you direct me to where this document can be found, if it is published?

Response

I am able to confirm that Homes England does not hold the information detailed in your request.

In order to conclude that the information is not held, we have searched with our Human Resources team 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 Homes England has guidance for employees on "Standards of Conduct" and "General Conduct" contained within our 'Disciplinary and Grievance Procedure'.

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

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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