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England

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By Email Only

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Dear ██████████,

RE: Request for Information – RFI2886

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

I recently sent a email asking for annual figures on homeless annual figures in the West Bromwich east constituency of Sandwell in the west midlands annually over 2 periods. The first period being 2001-2010 and I want the annual figures for that period and also for the annual figures of the second period 2011-2020. Can I have some assistance please.

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.

In order to conclude that the information is not held, we have searched with our Housing Programmes 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 figures on Homelessness are collated by the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government (MHCLG). We therefore recommend that for detailed figures, you contact MHCLG whose details are as follows:

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We would further advise that MHCLG publish figures in relation to Homelessness, which can be found on the following link: <https://www.gov.uk/government/statistical-data-sets/live-tables-on-homelessness> .

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
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