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Dear ██████████

RE: Request for Information – RFI3102

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

Midlands voluntary right to buy pilot scheme:

I understand the above mentioned scheme has now been extended until the end of 2020.

Can you give me to date the number of applicants by housing association who were given a unique reference number, who then went onto apply to said housing association to buy the home they were occupying, who then were successful in buying their home if unsuccessful please list reasons by housing association why and also list if unsuccessful were porting options given if so we're these successful or not if not again give reasons by housing association.

Please also list successful applicants given a URN who wasted this and didn't even apply by housing association

Response

We can confirm that we do hold some of the requested information. We will address each of your points in turn.

I understand the above mentioned scheme has now been extended until the end of 2020.

We can advise that the Voluntary Right to Buy (VRTB) scheme closed on the 31 March 2020. Due to the impact of the Covid-19 pandemic, a number of already progressing applications were allowed to continue past this date.

Can you give me to date the number of applicants by housing association who were given a unique reference number,

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

In order to conclude that the information is not held, we have searched with our VRTB 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.

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

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

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 VRTB scheme is jointly progressed by Homes England and our sponsor department, the Ministry of Housing Communities and Local Government (MHCLG). We can advise the information in this part of your request may be held by MHCLG, who can be contacted via the following:

mhclgcorrespondence@communities.gov.uk.

who then went onto apply to said housing association to buy the home they were occupying,
Homes England have 3879 applications recorded as received on our system as of 7 September.

who then were successful in buying their home

1854 applicants have completed sales on our system as of 7 September.

if unsuccessful please list reasons by housing association why and also list if unsuccessful were porting options given if so we're these successful or not if not again give reasons by housing association.

Please find attached Annex A which contains Table A: Termination Reasons and Table B: Applications Completions and Terminations by provider.

Porting is offered to all unable to purchase their home property as part of the VRTB Midland pilot process. Information held on porting is detailed in Table A: Termination Reasons.

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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 Governance Team
Homes England – 6th Floor
Windsor House
50 Victoria Street
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Or by email to infogov@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,

The Information Governance Team
For Homes England

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Table A - Termination Reasons:

Provider Name	Reason for Termination	Number of Terminations
Accord Housing Association Limited	Applicant(s) did not pass eligibility checks	46
Accord Housing Association Limited	Applicant(s)' property was excluded from sale, and applicant(s) did not wish to port their discount to another property	13
Accord Housing Association Limited	Applicant(s)' property was excluded from sale, and declined the offer of an alternative property to which to port their discount	5
Accord Housing Association Limited	Applicant(s) unable to secure funding for purchase	9
Accord Housing Association Limited	Applicant(s) withdrew, due to failing to understand the responsibilities of home ownership and/or terms and conditions of the scheme	7
Accord Housing Association Limited	Other	39
Aspire Housing Limited	Applicant(s) did not pass eligibility checks	1
Aspire Housing Limited	Applicant(s)' property was excluded from sale, and applicant(s) did not wish to port their discount to another property	1
Aspire Housing Limited	Applicant(s) unable to secure funding for purchase	4
Aspire Housing Limited	Other	4
BHA Housing 2014 Limited	Applicant(s) did not pass eligibility checks	2
BHA Housing 2014 Limited	Applicant(s)' property was excluded from sale, and applicant(s) did not wish to port their discount to another property	19
BHA Housing 2014 Limited	Applicant(s)' property was excluded from sale, and declined the offer of an alternative property to which to port their discount	2
BHA Housing 2014 Limited	Applicant(s) unable to secure funding for purchase	13
BHA Housing 2014 Limited	Applicant(s) withdrew, due to failing to understand the responsibilities of home ownership and/or terms and conditions of the scheme	3
BHA Housing 2014 Limited	Other	57
Black Country Housing Group Limited	Applicant(s) did not pass eligibility checks	1
Black Country Housing Group Limited	Applicant(s) unable to secure funding for purchase	1
Black Country Housing Group Limited	Other	1

Bournville Village Trust	Applicant(s) did not pass eligibility checks	6
Bournville Village Trust	Applicant(s)' property was excluded from sale, and declined the offer of an alternative property to which to port their discount	2
Bournville Village Trust	Applicant(s) withdrew, due to failing to understand the responsibilities of home ownership and/or terms and conditions of the scheme	1
Bournville Village Trust	Other	3
Citizen+	Applicant(s) did not pass eligibility checks	25
Citizen+	Applicant(s)' property was excluded from sale, and applicant(s) did not wish to port their discount to another property	11
Citizen+	Applicant(s)' property was excluded from sale, and declined the offer of an alternative property to which to port their discount	2
Citizen+	Applicant(s) unable to secure funding for purchase	10
Citizen+	Applicant(s) withdrew, due to failing to understand the responsibilities of home ownership and/or terms and conditions of the scheme	15
Citizen+	Application entered in error	2
Citizen+	Other	15
Clarion Housing Association Limited	Applicant(s) did not pass eligibility checks	53
Clarion Housing Association Limited	Applicant(s)' property was excluded from sale, and applicant(s) did not wish to port their discount to another property	2
Clarion Housing Association Limited	Applicant(s)' property was excluded from sale, and declined the offer of an alternative property to which to port their discount	2
Clarion Housing Association Limited	Applicant(s) unable to secure funding for purchase	11
Clarion Housing Association Limited	Applicant(s) withdrew, due to failing to understand the responsibilities of home ownership and/or terms and conditions of the scheme	2
Clarion Housing Association Limited	Other	23
Connexus Group+	Applicant(s) did not pass eligibility checks	1
Connexus Group+	Applicant(s)' property was excluded from sale, and applicant(s) did not wish to port their discount to another property	6
Connexus Group+	Applicant(s) withdrew, due to failing to understand the responsibilities of home ownership and/or terms and conditions of the scheme	3
Connexus Group+	Other	1
East Midlands Housing Association Limited	Applicant(s) did not pass eligibility checks	11
East Midlands Housing Association Limited	Applicant(s)' property was excluded from sale, and applicant(s) did not wish to port their discount to another property	4
East Midlands Housing Association Limited	Applicant(s)' property was excluded from sale, and declined the offer of an alternative property to which to port their discount	2

East Midlands Housing Association Limited	Applicant(s) unable to secure funding for purchase	1
East Midlands Housing Association Limited	Applicant(s) withdrew, due to failing to understand the responsibilities of home ownership and/or terms and conditions of the scheme	9
East Midlands Housing Association Limited	Application entered in error	3
East Midlands Housing Association Limited	Other	53
Futures Housing Group Limited	Applicant(s) did not pass eligibility checks	1
Futures Housing Group Limited	Applicant(s) unable to secure funding for purchase	3
Futures Housing Group Limited	Applicant(s) withdrew, due to failing to understand the responsibilities of home ownership and/or terms and conditions of the scheme	1
Futures Housing Group Limited	Other	1
Grand Union Housing Group Limited	Applicant(s) unable to secure funding for purchase	1
Grand Union Housing Group Limited	Other	1
Greatwell Homes Limited	Applicant(s) did not pass eligibility checks	1
Greatwell Homes Limited	Other	1
Heart Of England Housing Association Limited	Applicant(s) did not pass eligibility checks	23
Heart Of England Housing Association Limited	Applicant(s)' property was excluded from sale, and applicant(s) did not wish to port their discount to another property	25
Heart Of England Housing Association Limited	Applicant(s)' property was excluded from sale, and declined the offer of an alternative property to which to port their discount	21
Heart Of England Housing Association Limited	Applicant(s) unable to secure funding for purchase	12
Heart Of England Housing Association Limited	Applicant(s) withdrew, due to failing to understand the responsibilities of home ownership and/or terms and conditions of the scheme	43
Heart Of England Housing Association Limited	Application entered in error	3
Heart Of England Housing Association Limited	Application suspended due to fraud	2

Heart Of England Housing Association Limited	Other	89
Home Group Limited	Applicant(s) did not pass eligibility checks	1
Home Group Limited	Other	7
Honeycomb Group Ltd	Applicant(s) did not pass eligibility checks	1
Honeycomb Group Ltd	Other	2
Housing Plus+	Applicant(s) did not pass eligibility checks	11
Housing Plus+	Applicant(s)' property was excluded from sale, and applicant(s) did not wish to port their discount to another property	14
Housing Plus+	Applicant(s)' property was excluded from sale, and declined the offer of an alternative property to which to port their discount	2
Housing Plus+	Applicant(s) unable to secure funding for purchase	3
Housing Plus+	Applicant(s) withdrew, due to failing to understand the responsibilities of home ownership and/or terms and conditions of the scheme	7
Housing Plus+	Application entered in error	2
Housing Plus+	Other	10
Longhurst+	Applicant(s) did not pass eligibility checks	14
Longhurst+	Applicant(s)' property was excluded from sale, and applicant(s) did not wish to port their discount to another property	8
Longhurst+	Applicant(s)' property was excluded from sale, and declined the offer of an alternative property to which to port their discount	5
Longhurst+	Applicant(s) unable to secure funding for purchase	2
Longhurst+	Applicant(s) withdrew, due to failing to understand the responsibilities of home ownership and/or terms and conditions of the scheme	1
Longhurst+	Application entered in error	1
Longhurst+	Application suspended due to fraud	2
Longhurst+	Other	6
Metropolitan Housing Trust Limited	Applicant(s) did not pass eligibility checks	58
Metropolitan Housing Trust Limited	Applicant(s)' property was excluded from sale, and applicant(s) did not wish to port their discount to another property	14
Metropolitan Housing Trust Limited	Applicant(s)' property was excluded from sale, and declined the offer of an alternative property to which to port their discount	14
Metropolitan Housing Trust Limited	Applicant(s) unable to secure funding for purchase	7
Metropolitan Housing Trust Limited	Applicant(s) withdrew, due to failing to understand the responsibilities of home ownership and/or terms and conditions of the scheme	26
Metropolitan Housing Trust Limited	Other	10
Midland Heart Limited	Applicant(s) did not pass eligibility checks	66
Midland Heart Limited	Applicant(s)' property was excluded from sale, and applicant(s) did not wish to port their discount to another property	8

Midland Heart Limited	Applicant(s)' property was excluded from sale, and declined the offer of an alternative property to which to port their discount	3
Midland Heart Limited	Applicant(s) unable to secure funding for purchase	70
Midland Heart Limited	Applicant(s) withdrew, due to failing to understand the responsibilities of home ownership and/or terms and conditions of the scheme	5
Midland Heart Limited	Application suspended due to fraud	1
Midland Heart Limited	Other	27
Midland Heart Limited	Other occupying tenants did not consent to the sale of the property	3
Nehemiah United Churches Housing Association Limited	Applicant(s) withdrew, due to failing to understand the responsibilities of home ownership and/or terms and conditions of the scheme	10
Nehemiah United Churches Housing Association Limited	Other	13
Nottingham Community Housing Association Limited	Applicant(s)' property was excluded from sale, and applicant(s) did not wish to port their discount to another property	2
Nottingham Community Housing Association Limited	Applicant(s)' property was excluded from sale, and declined the offer of an alternative property to which to port their discount	2
Nottingham Community Housing Association Limited	Applicant(s) unable to secure funding for purchase	5
Nottingham Community Housing Association Limited	Other	8
Optivo	Applicant(s) did not pass eligibility checks	16
Optivo	Applicant(s) unable to secure funding for purchase	20
Optivo	Applicant(s) withdrew, due to failing to understand the responsibilities of home ownership and/or terms and conditions of the scheme	2
Optivo	Application entered in error	1
Optivo	Application suspended due to fraud	2
Optivo	Other	32
Paragon Community Housing Limited	Applicant(s) did not pass eligibility checks	6
Paragon Community Housing Limited	Applicant(s) unable to secure funding for purchase	16
Paragon Community Housing Limited	Application suspended due to fraud	1
Paragon Community Housing Limited	Other	100
Places for People+	Applicant(s) did not pass eligibility checks	24
Places for People+	Applicant(s)' property was excluded from sale, and applicant(s) did not wish to port their discount to another property	13

Places for People+	Applicant(s)' property was excluded from sale, and declined the offer of an alternative property to which to port their discount	9
Places for People+	Applicant(s) unable to secure funding for purchase	13
Places for People+	Applicant(s) withdrew, due to failing to understand the responsibilities of home ownership and/or terms and conditions of the scheme	4
Places for People+	Other	156
Platform+	Applicant(s) did not pass eligibility checks	3
Platform+	Applicant(s)' property was excluded from sale, and applicant(s) did not wish to port their discount to another property	9
Platform+	Applicant(s)' property was excluded from sale, and declined the offer of an alternative property to which to port their discount	4
Platform+	Applicant(s) unable to secure funding for purchase	2
Platform+	Application entered in error	2
Platform+	Other	63
Riverside Housing Association Limited	Applicant(s) did not pass eligibility checks	8
Riverside Housing Association Limited	Applicant(s)' property was excluded from sale, and applicant(s) did not wish to port their discount to another property	3
Riverside Housing Association Limited	Applicant(s) withdrew, due to failing to understand the responsibilities of home ownership and/or terms and conditions of the scheme	2
Riverside Housing Association Limited	Other	10
Rooftop Housing Association Limited	Applicant(s) did not pass eligibility checks	3
Rooftop Housing Association Limited	Applicant(s)' property was excluded from sale, and applicant(s) did not wish to port their discount to another property	3
Rooftop Housing Association Limited	Applicant(s) unable to secure funding for purchase	5
Rooftop Housing Association Limited	Other	5
Sanctuary+	Applicant(s) did not pass eligibility checks	3
Sanctuary+	Applicant(s)' property was excluded from sale, and applicant(s) did not wish to port their discount to another property	1
Sanctuary+	Applicant(s)' property was excluded from sale, and declined the offer of an alternative property to which to port their discount	3
Sanctuary+	Applicant(s) unable to secure funding for purchase	2
Sanctuary+	Applicant(s) withdrew, due to failing to understand the responsibilities of home ownership and/or terms and conditions of the scheme	5
Sanctuary+	Application entered in error	1
Sanctuary+	Other	2
Stafford & Rural Homes Limited	Applicant(s) did not pass eligibility checks	3
Stafford & Rural Homes Limited	Applicant(s)' property was excluded from sale, and declined the offer of an alternative property to which to port their discount	4

Stafford & Rural Homes Limited	Applicant(s) unable to secure funding for purchase	2
Stafford & Rural Homes Limited	Other	1
Stonewater+	Applicant(s) did not pass eligibility checks	64
Stonewater+	Applicant(s)' property was excluded from sale, and applicant(s) did not wish to port their discount to another property	38
Stonewater+	Applicant(s)' property was excluded from sale, and declined the offer of an alternative property to which to port their discount	17
Stonewater+	Applicant(s) unable to secure funding for purchase	22
Stonewater+	Application entered in error	5
Stonewater+	Application suspended due to fraud	1
Stonewater+	Other	12
Stonewater+	Other occupying tenants did not consent to the sale of the property	1
The Community Housing Group Limited	Applicant(s)' property was excluded from sale, and applicant(s) did not wish to port their discount to another property	1
The Community Housing Group Limited	Applicant(s) unable to secure funding for purchase	1
The Community Housing Group Limited	Application suspended due to fraud	1
The Community Housing Group Limited	Other	1
The Guinness Partnership Limited	Applicant(s) did not pass eligibility checks	9
The Guinness Partnership Limited	Applicant(s)' property was excluded from sale, and applicant(s) did not wish to port their discount to another property	18
The Guinness Partnership Limited	Applicant(s)' property was excluded from sale, and declined the offer of an alternative property to which to port their discount	2
The Guinness Partnership Limited	Applicant(s) withdrew, due to failing to understand the responsibilities of home ownership and/or terms and conditions of the scheme	2
The Guinness Partnership Limited	Application entered in error	5
The Guinness Partnership Limited	Other	1
The Pioneer Housing and Community Group Limited	Applicant(s) did not pass eligibility checks	6
The Pioneer Housing and Community Group Limited	Applicant(s)' property was excluded from sale, and applicant(s) did not wish to port their discount to another property	2
The Pioneer Housing and Community Group Limited	Applicant(s) unable to secure funding for purchase	2

The Pioneer Housing and Community Group Limited	Other	8
The Wrekin Housing Trust Limited	Applicant(s) did not pass eligibility checks	2
The Wrekin Housing Trust Limited	Applicant(s)' property was excluded from sale, and applicant(s) did not wish to port their discount to another property	2
The Wrekin Housing Trust Limited	Applicant(s) unable to secure funding for purchase	2
The Wrekin Housing Trust Limited	Other	3
Trent & Dove Housing Limited	Applicant(s) did not pass eligibility checks	1
Trent & Dove Housing Limited	Other	1
Tuntum Housing Association Limited	Applicant(s)' property was excluded from sale, and declined the offer of an alternative property to which to port their discount	1
Tuntum Housing Association Limited	Other	5
Walsall Housing Group Limited	Applicant(s) did not pass eligibility checks	8
Walsall Housing Group Limited	Applicant(s)' property was excluded from sale, and applicant(s) did not wish to port their discount to another property	3
Walsall Housing Group Limited	Applicant(s)' property was excluded from sale, and declined the offer of an alternative property to which to port their discount	1
Walsall Housing Group Limited	Applicant(s) unable to secure funding for purchase	5
Walsall Housing Group Limited	Applicant(s) withdrew, due to failing to understand the responsibilities of home ownership and/or terms and conditions of the scheme	7
Walsall Housing Group Limited	Application entered in error	1
Walsall Housing Group Limited	Other	1
Your Housing Limited	Applicant(s) did not pass eligibility checks	6
Your Housing Limited	Applicant(s)' property was excluded from sale, and applicant(s) did not wish to port their discount to another property	1
Your Housing Limited	Applicant(s) unable to secure funding for purchase	2
Your Housing Limited	Applicant(s) withdrew, due to failing to understand the responsibilities of home ownership and/or terms and conditions of the scheme	1
Your Housing Limited	Other	4

Table B: Applications Completions and Terminations

Provider Name	Number of applications	Number of Completions	Number of Terminations
Accord Housing Association Limited	194	74	119
Acis Group Limited	4	4	0
Aspire Housing Limited	32	22	10
BHA Housing 2014 Limited	162	65	96
Black Country Housing Group Limited	12	9	3
Bournville Village Trust	14	2	12
Bromsgrove District Housing Trust Limited	3	3	0
Citizen+	179	81	80
Clarion Housing Association Limited	177	81	93
Connexus Group+	20	9	11
East Midlands Housing Association Limited	145	60	83
Futures Housing Group Limited	21	15	6
Grand Union Housing Group Limited	13	11	2
Greatwell Homes Limited	4	2	2
Heart Of England Housing Association Limited	389	168	218
Home Group Limited	15	6	8
Honeycomb Group Ltd	8	5	3
Housing Plus+	87	38	49
Jigsaw Homes Midlands	7	7	0
Lincolnshire Housing Partnership Limited	4	4	0
Longhurst+	79	40	39
Metropolitan Housing Trust Limited	219	85	129

Midland Heart Limited	439	255	183
Nehemiah United Churches Housing Association Limited	23	0	23
Nottingham Community Housing Association Limited	59	41	17
Optivo	99	22	73
Paragon Community Housing Limited	218	92	123
Places for People+	297	54	219
Platform+	197	110	83
Riverside Housing Association Limited	37	14	23
Rooftop Housing Association Limited	59	43	16
Sanctuary+	50	32	17
Stafford & Rural Homes Limited	12	2	10
Stonewater+	297	133	160
The Community Housing Group Limited	18	14	4
The Guinness Partnership Limited	86	37	37
The Pioneer Housing and Community Group Limited	49	30	18
The Wrekin Housing Trust Limited	38	29	9
Trent & Dove Housing Limited	6	2	2
Trident Housing Association Limited	2	0	0
Tuntum Housing Association Limited	15	7	6
Walsall Housing Group Limited	67	41	26
WATMOS Community Homes	2	2	0
Your Housing Limited	22	8	14