



Homes
England

Making homes happen

Date: 14 February 2023

Our Ref: RFI4222

Tel: 0300 1234 500

Email: infogov@homesengland.gov.uk

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By Email Only

Information Governance Team
Homes England
Windsor House – 6th Floor
50 Victoria Street
London
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Dear ██████████

RE: Request for Information – RFI4222

Thank you for your request for information which was processed in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA).

You requested the following information:

Please can you provide me with data on the number of homes registered for use as holiday properties / holiday rental or holiday lets in the UK in 2019, 2020, 2021 and 2022.

Response

We can 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.

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 advise that Homes England does not collect statistics on housing use/registrations. Homes England are the government's housing accelerator, responsible for administering funding and schemes by our sponsor department, the Department of Levelling Up, Housing and Communities (DLUHC).

Further information on Homes England's remit in the housing market can be found on the following link:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/homes-england/about>.

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We suggest you contact DLUHC who may be able to assist with your request:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/department-for-levelling-up-housing-and-communities>

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. You can request an internal review by writing to Homes England via the details below, quoting the reference number at the top of this letter.

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Your request for review must be made in writing, explain why you wish to appeal, and be received within 40 working days of the date of this response. Failure to meet this criteria may lead to your request being refused.

Upon receipt, your request for review will be passed to an independent party not involved in your original request. We aim to issue a response within 20 working days.

You may also complain to the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO) 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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