



Homes  
England

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Dear ██████████

**RE: Request for Information – RFI4244**

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:

*This is a request under the Freedom of Information Act 2010 relating to Sage Housing/Blackstone. Please note the corporate structure of Sage Homes provided at <https://www.sagehomes.co.uk/terms-conditions/>, which includes several registered providers and other companies. I am interested in assistance and grants provided to all Sage, Leaf Living, and other companies and subsidiaries of Blackstone (American alternative investment management company based in New York City).*

*A. Can you provide details of all Homes England grant-funded homes for Sage, Leaf Living, and any other housing providers owned in whole or in part by Blackstone divided by QUARTER from 2013 to today? Please include:*

- 1. The value of grant*
- 2. The recipient of the grant*
- 3. Number of houses funded, broken down by tenure type (total, shared ownership, affordable rents, social rents)*
- 4. The programme or provision under which they were funded (including the year breakdown (e.g. 2021-2026 programme))*

*B. The value of all unsuccessful applications for grants by Sage, Leaf Living, plus any other housing providers owned in whole or in part by Blackstone, by year from 2013 to today? Broken down by applicant and year*

*C. Can you provide details of all other assistance or support received by Sage, Leaf Living, plus any other housing providers owned in whole or in part by Blackstone, from Homes England, divided by year from 2013 to today? Including:*

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1. *Land disposal of land from Homes England to Sage, including site, sale value, Housing Capacity Units, Gross Area*
2. *Details of consultancy, support or advice, for example for planning, including details of support provided, budget and expenses*
3. *Funding for improvement of homes, infrastructure and communities where Sage was a stakeholder including details of support provided, budget and expenses*

## **Response**

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

***A. Can you provide details of all Homes England grant-funded homes for Sage, Leaf Living, and any other housing providers owned in whole or in part by Blackstone divided by QUARTER from 2013 to today? Please include:***

1. *The value of grant*
2. *The recipient of the grant*
3. *Number of houses funded, broken town by tenure type (total, shared ownership, affordable rents, social rents)*
4. *The programme or provision under which they were funded (including the year breakdown (e.g. 2021-2026 programme))*

Please find enclosed Annex A, which shows the information held in scope of points 1-4 in this question. For clarity, the information held by Homes England is only for Sage, and only for the years 2018/2019 to date.

We do not hold information from 2013 to 2018 and our data held is only broken down by year, not by quarter.

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>

***B. The value of all unsuccessful applications for grants by Sage, Leaf Living, plus any other housing providers owned in whole or in part by Blackstone, by year from 2013 to today? Broken down by applicant and year***

We can confirm that Homes England does not hold the information detailed in this part your request.

To conclude that the information is not held, we have searched with our Affordable Housing team who would have the requested information if held.

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#### 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 our internal management system for Affordable Housing products does not collect information on unsuccessful applications to our schemes.

***C. Can you provide details of all other assistance or support received by Sage, Leaf Living, plus any other housing providers owned in whole or in part by Blackstone, from Homes England, divided by year from 2013 to today?***

***Including:***

- 1. Land disposal of land from Homes England to Sage, including site, sale value, Housing Capacity Units, Gross Area***
- 2. Details of consultancy, support or advice, for example for planning, including details of support provided, budget and expenses***
- 3. Funding for improvement of homes, infrastructure and communities where Sage was a stakeholder including details of support provided, budget and expenses***

We can confirm that Homes England does not hold information in scope of this part of your request.

To conclude that the information is not held, we have searched with our Affordable Housing, Land Disposal and Provider Management teams 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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#### 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:

- 1) Our land disposal records confirm that we have not directly disposed of any land to Sage.
- 2)&3) Our Provider Management and Affordable Housing teams confirm there has been no support provided to Sage in this scope.

#### 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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## RFI4244 - Annex A

		2018/19		2019/20		2020/21		2021/22		Total	
Programme	Tenure	Units	Grant	Units	Grant	Units	Grant	Units	Grant	Units	Units
Right To Buy	Affordable Rent			5	247,500	1	49,500	39	1,668,000	45	1,965,000
	Total			5	247,500	1	49,500	39	1,668,000	45	1,965,000
Shared Ownership and Affordable Homes Programme	Affordable Home Ownership			31	1,090,400	84	3,220,760	98	3,702,680	213	8,013,840
	Affordable Rent	11	0	14	693,000	19	885,500	53	2,420,000	97	3,998,500
	Social Rent					17	986,000	10	695,000	27	1,681,000
	Total	11	0	45	1,783,400	120	5,092,260	161	6,817,680	337	13,693,340
Affordable Homes Programme 2021-26	Affordable Home Ownership							12	390,000	12	390,000
	Social Rent							12	790,800	12	790,800
	Total							24	1,180,800	24	1,180,800
Grand Total		11	0	50	2,030,900	121	5,141,760	224	9,666,480	406	16,839,140