



Homes
England

Date: 5 May 2023
Our Ref: RFI4303
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By Email Only

Information Governance Team
Homes England
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Dear ██████████

RE: Request for Information – RFI4303

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:

How is the relationship between the HCA and Manchester and Cheshire Construction was formed and what involvement, if any, the HCA had in the awarding of contracts to those companies named at the bottom of the article, namely: The Oval Partnership, Clancy Consulting and Simon Fenton Partnership.

Further, if there is any information available regarding the process for awarding these contracts, I would be most grateful.

Response

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

To conclude that the information is not held, we have searched with our Cities and Major Conurbations 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 we do not hold information relating to the formation of a relationship between Manchester and Cheshire Construction and Homes England. We do not hold information relating to the awarding of

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contracts to Oval Partnership, Clancy Consultancy and Simon Fenton Partnership. We also do not hold any information about the process for awarding such contracts.

We would recommend that you redirect your request to Manchester City Council who may have been involved in the awarding of such contracts. Information on how to make a request to them can be found on the following link:

https://www.manchester.gov.uk/info/200031/data_protection_and_freedom_of_information/1322/freedom_of_information/2

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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