



Homes
England

Date: 5 June 2023

Our Ref: RFI4326

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The Housing and Regeneration Agency

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By Email Only

Information Governance Team
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Dear ■■■■■■

RE: Request for Information – RFI4326

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:

If possible, please could you provide me with info for the following:

- *What % of eligible households have successfully bought their council home since the Right to Buy scheme became active?*
- *Which UK county has the highest number of households who have successfully bought their council home? Could you please provide a list of the top 5 counties with number of households for each?*
- *On average, which UK county has the smallest council homes in terms of square footage? Please could you provide a top 5 county list with average square footage.*

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.

To conclude that the information is not held, we have searched with our Affordable Housing 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>

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 Homes England does not collect data on the Right to Buy programme.

You may wish to redirect your request to the Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities. You can find their contact details on their website: <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:



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<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