



Homes  
England

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Our Ref: RFI4356

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The Housing and Regeneration Agency

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By Email Only

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Dear ██████████

**RE: Request for Information – RFI4356**

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:

*Under the Freedom of Information Request rules please can you provide me with the following information;*

*1) How many homes were sold using the help to buy scheme (including both historic and present schemes) in the following areas since inception of the scheme;*

- a) Horsham District (RH12)*
- b) Billingshurst Ward (West Sussex RH14)*
- c) Southwater Ward (West Sussex RH13)*
- d) Broadbridge Heath Ward (West Sussex RH12)*

*2) How many homes were sold using the help to buy scheme (including both historic and present schemes since inception) in the following areas specifically during 2022 and 2023;*

- a) Horsham District (RH12)*
- b) Billingshurst Ward (West Sussex RH14)*
- c) Southwater Ward (West Sussex RH13)*
- d) Broadbridge Heath Ward (West Sussex RH12)*

*3) For each individual home sold using Help to Buy scheme in the above 8 areas please can you provide a list of the declared intended number of occupants (as per the Help to Buy application/registration documentation) and the registered number of bedrooms per property?*

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## Response

We can confirm that we do hold the information that you have requested. We will address your questions in turn below. Please note that Homes England record information relating to the sale of properties as 'completions', rather than 'sales'. We have interpreted your request as the number of completions under the Help to Buy scheme in the requested areas.

1) How many homes were sold using the help to buy scheme (including both historic and present schemes) in the following areas since inception of the scheme;

2) How many homes were sold using the help to buy scheme (including both historic and present schemes since inception) in the following areas specifically during 2022 and 2023;

Please see Table 1 in the enclosed Annex A for the number of completions and occupants since the inception of the Help to Buy scheme, up to and including financial year 2022-2023. This table is broken down by the postcodes provided in your request.

3) For each individual home sold using Help to Buy scheme in the above 8 areas please can you provide a list of the declared intended number of occupants (as per the Help to Buy application/registration documentation) and the registered number of bedrooms per property?

Please see Table 2 in the enclosed Annex A for the number of completions broken down by bedroom size, financial year and the postcodes provided in your request.

Please note that this has been provided as percentages of the total number of completions, as we consider the exact numbers to be exempt from disclosure under Section 40(2) of the FOIA. Some of the requested information contains information about less than 10 properties. Although it is not possible to identify the individuals directly from this information, we consider that individuals are indirectly identifiable as this information could be paired with other available information that would enable their identification.

## Section 40 – Personal information

We are withholding information on the grounds that it constitutes third party personal data and therefore engages section 40(2) of the FOIA.

To disclose personal data, such as names, contact details, addresses, email addresses and personal opinions could lead to the identification of third parties and would breach one or more of the data protection principles.

Section 40 is an absolute exemption which means that we do not need to consider the public interest in disclosure. Once it is established that the information is personal data of a third party and release would breach one or more of the data protection principles, then the exemption is engaged.



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The full text in the legislation can be found on the following link:

<https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2000/36/section/40>

### **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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**Data Source: Official Statistics to Q3 2022/23**

**Table 1**

<b>Number of Completions by Postcode by Financial Year</b>											
	<b>13/14</b>	<b>14/15</b>	<b>15/16</b>	<b>16/17</b>	<b>17/18</b>	<b>18/19</b>	<b>19/20</b>	<b>20/21</b>	<b>21/22</b>	<b>22/23</b>	<b>Total</b>
RH12	52	120	163	167	152	156	123	139	99	63	<b>1,234</b>
RH13	31	25	10	19	32	46	33	31	11	10	<b>248</b>
RH14	13	24	27	8	-	63	50	74	20	9	<b>288</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>96</b>	<b>169</b>	<b>200</b>	<b>194</b>	<b>184</b>	<b>265</b>	<b>206</b>	<b>244</b>	<b>130</b>	<b>82</b>	<b>1,770</b>

<b>Number of Occupants by Postcode by Financial Year</b>											
	<b>13/14</b>	<b>14/15</b>	<b>15/16</b>	<b>16/17</b>	<b>17/18</b>	<b>18/19</b>	<b>19/20</b>	<b>20/21</b>	<b>21/22</b>	<b>22/23</b>	<b>Total</b>
RH12	124	288	414	382	310	310	284	327	205	157	<b>2,801</b>
RH13	79	67	27	36	72	107	77	81	25	18	<b>589</b>
RH14	37	63	74	23	-	177	140	199	41	18	<b>772</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>240</b>	<b>418</b>	<b>515</b>	<b>441</b>	<b>382</b>	<b>594</b>	<b>501</b>	<b>607</b>	<b>271</b>	<b>193</b>	<b>4,162</b>

**Table 2**

		<b>% of Completions by Bedrooms Size, Postcode and Financial Year*</b>									
	<b>Bedrooms</b>	<b>13/14</b>	<b>14/15</b>	<b>15/16</b>	<b>16/17</b>	<b>17/18</b>	<b>18/19</b>	<b>19/20</b>	<b>20/21</b>	<b>21/22</b>	<b>22/23</b>
RH12	1	1	1	-	4	21	44	9	3	14	4
	2	4	9	11	14	14	13	11	8	11	5
	3	5	12	16	14	10	8	8	14	7	7
	4	5	11	20	15	10	6	16	16	1	-
	5	13	13	25	38	-	13	-	-	-	-
RH13	1	-	-	-	17	40	-	-	10	17	17
	2	13	3	6	19	6	22	13	6	7	6
	3	14	13	4	-	5	27	23	14	-	1
	4	19	15	4	2	23	8	4	23	2	-
	5	-	80	-	-	-	-	20	-	-	-
RH14	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	2	-	7	16	-	-	29	17	12	10	9
	3	4	6	8	3	-	24	15	31	7	3
	4	7	13	7	5	-	15	20	30	5	-
	5	25	17	17	-	-	-	-	33	8	-

Notes

\*Totals may not sum to 100% due to rounding