



Homes
England

The Housing and Regeneration Agency

Date: 26 October 2023

Our Ref: RFI4497

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By Email Only

Dear ██████████

RE: Request for Information – RFI4497

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:

1. Slough Borough Council in Partnership with, as then, Hanover Housing, received a Department of Health/Housing Corporation Grant of £2.92m for the building of 2 Extra Care Developments of 126 flats total in Slough and Wexham. They were marketed 2008/2009.

Q1. What was the criteria/conditions around receiving this grant?

2. Both SBC and now Anchor Hanover are relinquishing any responsibility for buying back or re-purchasing the lease and yet I thought it was social housing and only built due to the provision of Government Grant Funding.

Q2. Who has ultimate ownership of the developments and do they have responsibility for keeping the development for Extra Care Provision in perpetuity?

3. Any information of the time which may help to clarify Q1 and Q2.

Q3. Relevant documents of that time to see what Slough Borough Council agreed to in receiving the grant.

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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 Grants 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 any recorded information in relation to Extra Care Developments for either Slough Borough Council or Hanover Housing Association (now Anchor Hanover Group). Furthermore, we do not hold any information in relation to the ownership or responsibility of the development for Extra Care Provision.

We therefore advise that you submit a request for information to the Regulator of Social Housing via the following link: <https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/regulator-of-social-housing> or we suggest contacting Slough Borough Council via the following link: <https://www.slough.gov.uk/data-protection-foi/freedom-information/3>.

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

