

Date: 15 November 2023

Our Ref: RFI4519 Tel: 0300 1234 500

Email: infogov@homesengland.gov.uk



Dear Sir/Madam

#### RE: Request for Information – RFI4519

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:

Assuming the tenant is eligible and the property was transferred as a stock transfer from a local authority and is other wise deemed eligible for the RTA programme:

I would like to know how many sales of properties under the Right to Acquire have been Denied in the UK because A/ the social landlord does not own the freehold B/ freeholder is untraceable C/ the freehold is unregistered

I would like to know how many sales of properties under the Right to Acquire have been Completed in the UK when A/ the social landlord does not own the freehold B/ freeholder is untraceable C/ the freehold is unregistered

I would like to know how many sales of properties under the Right to Acquire have been Denied in the UK because the social landlord does not own the freehold but does have a significant interest in the leasehold.

I would like to know how many sales of properties under the Right to Acquire have been Completed in the UK when social landlord does not own the freehold but does have a significant interest in the leasehold.

I would like this information provided on a per Housing Association and Local Authority basis as some housing associations cover more than one local authority.

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## **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 Operational 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 collect leasehold or freehold information in regard to Right to Acquire properties.

### 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.

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Yours sincerely,

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