



# Homes England

Date: 12 February 2024

Our Ref: RFI4597

Tel: 0300 1234 500

Email: [infogov@homesengland.gov.uk](mailto:infogov@homesengland.gov.uk)

**[REDACTED]**  
By Email Only

Dear **[REDACTED]**

## **RE: Request for Information – RFI4597**

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:

**On 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2018 the charity Buckmaster Memorial Home was transferred from being an independent charity to be a linked charity under the auspices of The Abbeyfield Society. I believe that at the time Homes England made a grant to Abbeyfield in regard to this transfer, to support the work at Buckmaster House. Can you please provide information relevant to the grant and the transfer.**

**[REDACTED] seeking to ensure the continuation of the work at Buckmaster House, which is in imminent danger of being closed down by Abbeyfield and the property sold for a figure in the millions of pounds.**

## **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 Operations team and 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:

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42 - 50 Victoria Street, Westminster  
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<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 we cannot find any record for a grant for Buckmaster House either under the Abbeyfield society or on the property address.

The Regulator of Social Housing may have further details on the merger. If you wish to submit an FOI request to them you can find more details on their website here:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/regulator-of-social-housing>

## **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.

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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

