

Date: 9 February 2024 Our Ref: RFI4592 Tel: 0300 1234 500 Email: <u>infogov@homesengland.gov.uk</u>

By Email Only

Dear

RE: Request for Information – RFI4592

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:

Would you be able share with us the amount of grant funding which was provided to housing associations by Home England in 2023? In addition, would you be able to tell us the ten housing associations which received the highest amount of grant funding in 2023, and how many constructions starts and/or completions were carried out by those housing associations because of that funding?

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 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

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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 allocate funding grants on a fiscal or calendar year basis. Instead, we provide funding at 'programme' level, which takes place over a number of years. The current programme ('Affordable Homes Programme') has been allocated funding for the period 2021-2026. Providing information for 2023 alone would require us to create information.

The top 10 partners for the programme over this period are listed below (in order of the highest grant funds):

Strategic Partner	Funding (£)	Homes
Abri Group Limited	249,999,990	3,218
Places for People Group Limited	249,999,930	4,403
Platform Housing Group Limited	249,992,500	4,680
Hyde Housing Association Limited	249,991,810	3,000
Together Housing Association Limited	249,873,000	4,047
Clarion Housing Association Limited	249,657,000	4,770
Great Places Housing Association	240,834,000	4,920
Bromford Housing Association Limited	239,895,475	4,000
Green Square Accord Limited	212,872,000	3,755
Accent Housing Limited	210,224,000	3,305

We have provided the total number of homes (outputs) for each provider listed. Further information can be obtained from the National Statistics website:

https://www.gov.uk/government/statistics/housing-statistics-1-april-2023-to-30-september-2023

You will find the section on 'Housing Outputs' (section 3) the most pertinent to your request.

We hope our response has been helpful and we welcome any future requests in regard to this topic.

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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.

Email: infogov@homesengland.gov.uk

Information Governance Team Homes England Windsor House 6th Floor 42-50 Victoria Street London SW1H 0TL United Kingdom

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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