



Homes
England

Date: 19 June 2024

Our Ref: RFI4773

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By Email Only

Dear ██████████

RE: Request for Information – RFI4773

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:

I am seeking detailed data regarding the use of the government's Help to Buy scheme within the counties of Kent, Surrey, and Sussex, as well as overall national data. Specifically, I would like to request the following information:

- 1. Breakdown of Help to Buy Scheme Usage in Kent, Surrey, and Sussex (2013-2021):**
 - The number of individuals overall who used the Help to Buy scheme with an individual breakdown of the counties of Kent, Surrey, and Sussex.
 - A yearly breakdown for each county from the inception of the scheme in 2013 until 2021.
- 2. Total Number of Homeowners Using the Help to Buy Scheme Nationally (2013-2021):**
 - The total number of homeowners across the United Kingdom who used the Help to Buy scheme for each year from 2013 to 2021, with a breakdown of each year.
 - A breakdown of these numbers by each county in the South East region, including Kent, Surrey, and Sussex.
- 3. Breakdown of Help to Buy Scheme Usage in Kent, Surrey, and Sussex (2021-2023):**
 - The number of individuals who used the Help to Buy scheme in each of the counties of Kent, Surrey, and Sussex.
 - A yearly breakdown for each individual county from 2021 to 2023.
- 4. Total Number of Homeowners Using the Help to Buy Scheme Nationally (2021-2023):**





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- **The total number of homeowners across the United Kingdom who used the Help to Buy scheme for each year from 2021 to 2023.**
- **A breakdown of these numbers by each county in the South East region, including Kent, Surrey, and Sussex.**

Response

We can confirm that we do hold some of the requested information. We will address each of your questions in turn. Please see attached to this response Annex A which contains the data requested. For clarity, Homes England does not record data by number of individuals and homeowners but instead the number of applicants. Each application can be a sole or joint application.

1. Breakdown of Help to Buy Scheme Usage in Kent, Surrey, and Sussex (2013-2021):

- **The number of individuals overall who used the Help to Buy scheme with an individual breakdown of the counties of Kent, Surrey, and Sussex.**
- **A yearly breakdown for each county from the inception of the scheme in 2013 until 2021.**

3. Breakdown of Help to Buy Scheme Usage in Kent, Surrey, and Sussex (2021-2023):

- **The number of individuals who used the Help to Buy scheme in each of the counties of Kent, Surrey, and Sussex.**
- **A yearly breakdown for each individual county from 2021 to 2023.**

Please see contained within Annex A, Table A which shows a breakdown of Help to Buy scheme usage in Kent, Surrey and Sussex. Columns D to K contains data from the inception of the scheme from 2013 to 2021 broken down by each county. Columns N and O contain data from the 2021 to 2023 period.

2. Total Number of Homeowners Using the Help to Buy Scheme Nationally (2013-2021):

- **The total number of homeowners across the United Kingdom who used the Help to Buy scheme for each year from 2013 to 2021, with a breakdown of each year.**
- **A breakdown of these numbers by each county in the South East region, including Kent, Surrey, and Sussex.**

4. Total Number of Homeowners Using the Help to Buy Scheme Nationally (2021-2023):

- **The total number of homeowners across the United Kingdom who used the Help to Buy scheme for each year from 2021 to 2023.**





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- **A breakdown of these numbers by each county in the South East region, including Kent, Surrey, and Sussex.**

Please see contained within Annex A, Table B which shows a breakdown of Help to Buy scheme usage in the rest of the South East region. Columns D to K contains data from the inception of the scheme from 2013 to 2021 broken down by each county. Columns N and O contain data from the 2021 to 2023 period.

Row 36 contains the total figures for each requested year in the South East region with column 'R' showing the grand total.

Row 37 contains the total figures for each requested year in the whole of England with column 'R' showing the grand total.

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

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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



	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N	O	P	Q	R
1	Breakdown of Help to Buy Scheme Usage ¹ in the South East region by county, and nationally in England																	
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3	Table A																	
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5		Geographical County	County Council/UA	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21	Total		2021/22	2022/23	Total		Grand Total
6		Surrey	Surrey	509	415	562	671	1,017	1,129	1,288	1,620	7,211		1,075	789	1,864		9,075
7		Kent	Kent	746	1,115	1,655	2,096	3,197	2,917	2,447	3,339	17,512		2,415	1,899	4,314		21,826
8			Medway	122	155	180	87	225	237	488	561	2,055		467	355	822		2,877
9			Kent Total		868	1,270	1,835	2,183	3,422	3,154	2,935	3,900	19,567		2,882	2,254	5,136	
10		Sussex	Brighton and Hove	5	1	12	4	8	30	39	40	139		27	46	73		212
11			East Sussex	200	176	239	272	350	469	584	724	3,014		601	332	933		3,947
12			West Sussex	610	974	1,211	1,606	1,746	2,024	1,942	1,925	12,038		1,091	1,028	2,119		14,157
13			Sussex Total		815	1,151	1,462	1,882	2,104	2,523	2,565	2,689	15,191		1,719	1,406	3,125	
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15																		
16	Table B																	
17																		
18		Isle of Wight	Isle of Wight	55	73	49	31	101	74	121	100	604		85	47	132		736
19		Oxfordshire	Oxfordshire	454	843	923	1,508	1,789	1,932	2,190	2,588	12,227		1,661	1,155	2,816		15,043
20		Berkshire	West Berkshire	88	101	119	105	115	177	188	182	1,075		176	79	255		1,330
21			Bracknell Forest	104	178	64	121	237	261	558	537	2,060		168	49	217		2,277
22			Reading	143	65	118	40	135	196	197	167	1,061		57	107	164		1,225
23			Slough	74	192	157	133	251	162	117	39	1,125		92	48	140		1,265
24			Windsor and Maidenhead	13	62	85	78	78	125	104	117	662		92	141	233		895
25			Wokingham	145	255	284	489	837	809	917	797	4,533		405	221	626		5,159
26			Berkshire Total		567	853	827	966	1,653	1,730	2,081	1,839	10,516		990	645	1,635	
27		Buckinghamshire	Buckinghamshire	492	684	768	911	936	1,091	1,159	1,071	7,112		805	625	1,430		8,542
28			Milton Keynes	458	534	611	724	939	958	1,039	1,172	6,435		718	833	1,551		7,986
29			Buckinghamshire Total		950	1,218	1,379	1,635	1,875	2,049	2,198	2,243	13,547		1,523	1,458	2,981	
30		Hampshire	Hampshire	957	1,394	1,667	2,010	2,686	3,037	2,928	3,280	17,959		1,668	1,119	2,787		20,746
31			Portsmouth	40	41	100	55	25	25	2	20	308		62	31	93		401
32			Southampton	127	239	175	213	225	195	112	139	1,425		113	37	150		1,575
33			Hampshire Total		1,124	1,674	1,942	2,278	2,936	3,257	3,042	3,439	19,692		1,843	1,187	3,030	
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36		South East Region		5,342	7,497	8,979	11,154	14,897	15,848	16,420	18,418	98,555		11,778	8,941	20,719		119,274
37		England		31,019	44,930	55,685	65,658	79,762	86,485	84,088	91,429	539,056		52,523	41,397	93,920		632,976
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39	Note																	
40	1. Individuals and homeowners have been translated as the number of applicants for a Help to Buy scheme																	