



Homes
England

Date: 24 May 2024

Our Ref: RFI4725

Tel: 0300 1234 500

Email: infogov@homesengland.gov.uk

[REDACTED]
By Email Only

Dear [REDACTED]

RE: Request for Information – RFI4725

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 writing to submit a Freedom of Information (FOI) request regarding information related to the organisation's gas and electricity contracts, as well as details on the energy management system.

Please acknowledge this request within the legally required timeframe.

****Gas and Electricity Contracts: ****

- 1. Energy Provider**
- 2. Annual Spend for each provider for the past 3 financial years.**
- 3. Contract Duration (Including any extensions)**
- 4. Contract start date**
- 5. Contract Expiry Date**
- 6. Contract Review Dates**
- 7. Contact details of the person responsible, including job title**
- 8. Total Consumption of Gas, please provide me with the latest figure in cubic metres.**
- 9. Total Consumption of Electricity (NHH), please provide me with latest figure in kWh for the past 3 financial years.**
- 10. Total Consumption of Electricity (HH), please provide me with latest figure in kWh for the past 3 financial years.**
- 11. Contact details of the person responsible, including job title at the very least**

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Energy Management System Contract(s) - Contract(s) relating to the organisation's energy management system. An energy management system (EMS) is a system of computer-aided tools used by operators of electric utility grids to monitor, control, and optimise the performance of the generation or transmission system.

Energy Management System Provider

1. Annual Spend
2. Contract Duration (Including any extensions)
3. Contract Expiry Date
4. Contract start date
5. Contract Review Date
6. Contract Description – A description of the services provided.
7. Brand of the software
8. Total number of meter points for electricity:
 - a. Non-Half Hourly (NHH) meter points
 - b. Half Hourly (HH) meter points
9. Total number of Gas meter points
10. Total number of meter points for specialist gases and liquids
11. Contact details of the person responsible, including job title

Response

We can confirm that we do hold some of the requested information. We will answer each of your questions in turn.

1. Energy Provider

We can confirm that EDF Energy is the energy provider at one of Homes England's office sites where we own the freehold, we are not responsible for our other offices as these are Government hubs.

2. Annual Spend for each provider for the past 3 financial years.

The annual spend for EDF Energy for the past 3 financial years are as follows: 2020-21 was £6,482.13; 2021-22 was £9,993.23 and 2022-23 was £15,098.28.





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3. Contract Duration (Including any extensions)

5 years

4. Contract start date

15/07/2020

5. Contract Expiry Date

14/07/2025

6. Contract Review Dates

01/04/2025

7. Contact details of the person responsible, including job title

We can inform you that we do hold the information that you have requested. However, we rely on Section 40 (2) of the FOIA to withhold the information from disclosure.

Section 40 – Personal information

We are withholding information on the grounds that it constitutes third party personal data and therefore engages section 40(2) of the FOIA.

To disclose personal data, such as names, contact details, addresses, email addresses and personal opinions could lead to the identification of third parties and would breach one or more of the data protection principles.

Section 40 is an absolute exemption which means that we do not need to consider the public interest in disclosure. Once it is established that the information is personal data of a third party and release would breach one or more of the data protection principles, then the exemption is engaged.

The full text in the legislation can be found on the following link:

<https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2000/36/section/40>





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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 any correspondence can be directed to our general enquiries team (enquiries@homesengland.gov.uk / 0300 1234 500) for the attention of the Senior Manager - Facilities Management.

8. Total Consumption of Gas, please provide me with the latest figure in cubic metres.

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 Facilities Management 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.

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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 no gas is used in the management of our offices.

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10. Total Consumption of Electricity (HH), please provide me with latest figure in kWh for the past 3 financial years.

The total consumption of electricity for the past 3 financial years are as follows: 2020-21 was 41301kWh; 2021-22 was 61122kWh and 2022-23 was 65044 kWh.

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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 have an energy management system for our site.

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

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