## The Housing and Regeneration Agency



Date: 23 April 2025 Our Ref: RFI5079 Tel: 0300 1234 500

Email: infogov@homesengland.gov.uk



Dear

## RE: Request for Information – RFI5079

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:

- During the financial year of 2023/2024 how many Lawyers worked at Homes England as either LOCUM contractor or were introduced by an agency on a Fixed term Contract basis?
- During the financial year 2023/2024 how many permanent Lawyers started in Homes England and were introduced through an agency?

#### 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 HR 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 no lawyers were employed as a locum contractor or were introduced by an agency on a fixed term contract basis during the 2023/2024 period. We can further confirm that during this same period, no permanent lawyers started in Homes England and were introduced through an agency.

#### Right to Appeal

If you are not happy with 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.

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.

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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

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