



Response to Request for Information

Reference FOI 0216148
Date 25 February 2016

Social Sector Homes

Request:

I am writing to you to request the following information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

1. How many social sector homes are in your local authority
There are currently 22,985 Wolverhampton Homes Properties. We do not have up to date information in regards to other Social Sector Homes provided by Housing Associations.
2. Under the under-occupancy charge (the "bedroom tax") how many social sector homes have been affected by housing benefits cuts?
There are currently 2862 properties affected by housing benefit reductions due to the Social Sector Size Criteria of which 2442 belong to Wolverhampton Homes.
3. How many people have had to be rehomed?
Following reasonable enquiries, it has been established that the Council does not hold the above requested information.

Consequently, we are unable to provide any information relating to the above, and are informing you as required by Section 1(1) (a) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 ("The Act"), that states:

"Any person making a request for information to a public authority is entitled to be informed in writing by the public authority whether it holds information of the description specified in the request".

To advise and assist you further, you need to re-direct your enquiry to the relevant public authority.

Wolverhampton Homes

<https://www.wolverhamptonhomes.org.uk/aboutus/contact-us/making-a-request-for-information>

4. How many people have appealed cuts to their housing benefit?
We have received 97 Appeals against Social Sector Size Criteria reductions in benefit.

5. How many people have appealed being rehomed?
As per question 3.
6. How many people have successfully appealed cuts to their housing benefit?
13 of the 97 Appeals received have been successful.
7. How many people have successfully appealed being rehomed?
As per question 3.
8. Under the government's plans to give 20,000 people from Syria refuge in the UK, how many have been allocated to your local authority so far, if any?
In response to your request we can confirm that we are getting **20** people per year for 5 years provided funding was extended beyond 1 year.