

Response to Request for Information

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Social Housing

Request:

I would like to make a Freedom of Information request to your authority. Please can you provide the following information?

1. Name of your authority and the area you cover?
[City of Wolverhampton.](#)
2. How many households are currently on your waiting list for social housing?
[7,643 at 1/3/16.](#)
3. How many of those households from Question 2 on your waiting list are made up of one or more EU Nationals? Please list the nationalities and the number waiting.

Nationality	Total
Belgian	5
Bulgarian	1
Czech	8
Dutch	5
English Scottish	
Welsh	2166
Estonian	1
French	1
German	2
Hungarian	6
Irish	10
Italian	10
Latvian	54
Lithuanian	101
Polish	71
Portuguese	1
Romanian	2

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Slovakian	5
Slovenian	1
Spanish	1
Total:	2,451

Other EEA Country	87
UK National resident in the UK	1985
UK National returning from overseas	5
Declined To Supply Information	36
Undisclosed	2932
Total:	5,045

4. How many of those households from Question 2 on your waiting list are made up of one or more non-EU Nationals (not including UK residents)? Please list the nationalities and the number waiting.

Nationality	Total
Afghan	1
Albanian	2
Algerian	1
American	1
Bangladeshi	1
Bosnian	1
Brazilian	1
Canadian	1
Chinese	3
Congolese	1
Ethiopian	1
Filipino	1
Ghanaian	5
Guyanese	1
Indian	26
Iranian	3
Iraqi	34
Ivoirian	1
Jamaican	5

Kurdish	6
Kuwati	2
Namibian	1
Nigerian	7
Pakistani	15
Russian	1
Somalian	5
South African	1
Sri Lankan	1
Sudanese	1
Trinidadian	2
Vietnamese	1
Zimbabwean	14
Total:	147

5. Do you have a residency requirement as part of the qualification criteria for social housing which would require the applicant (or member of the applicant's household) to have lived within the area for a specific period of time? If yes, please give details of the requirement e.g/ residency for at least two years
No. Wolverhampton City Council operates an open housing register. Anyone who has not lived in the City for 2 years, unless they have an emergency or urgent need to be in the City, are given band 4I (lesser preference)
6. In the following years how many households made up of one or more EU Nationals were granted social housing in your area who had not been residence in the authority's district for at least two years?
- 2014
 - 2015
 - So far 2016

	Year	EU	Non EU	Unknown
Number of Housed Applicants	2014	164	19	106
	2015	100	23	79
	2016	21	11	142

7. In the following years how many households made up of one or more non-EU Nationals were granted social housing in your area who had not been residence in the authority's district for at least two years?
- 2014
 - 2015
 - So far 2016
- [As above.](#)
8. What is the cost of language interpreter and translation services the council has used in the following financial years?
- 2013/14
 - 2014/15
 - 2015/16?

Total Spend By Financial Year	
Financial Year	Total Spend
FY13/14	£23,624.16
FY14/15	£69,462.20
FY15/16	£67,821.74

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- 1) April 2013 – March 2014, *Total cost £6,523.00*
- 2) April 2014 – March 2015, *Total cost £16,355.00*
- 3) April 2015 – 11th March 2016, *Total cost £31,676.00*

Grand total: £54,554.00

9. How many languages do you translate information into as of 1 March 2016? Please list the languages in order of the most popular.

Overall Translation Volume (Until March 2016)	
Language	Volume
Polish	40
Punjabi	25
Lithuanian	20
Kurdish (Sorani)	15
Urdu	14
Romanian	13
Hungarian	10
Slovak	9
Chinese (Simplified)	9
Farsi	9

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English	8
Shona	7
Gujarati	6
Latvian	4
Spanish	4
Somali	3
Bengali	3
French	3
Russian	3
Chinese (Tradit.)	3
Czech	2
Arabic	2
Various	2
Mirpuri	1