

Response to Request for Information

Reference FOI 003489
Date 18 April 2019

Right to Buy Fraud

Request:

Under the Freedom of Information Act (2000), I request the following information:

1. The number of council homes purchased under the Right to Buy by tenants who were in receipt of Housing Benefit, in
 - i. 2012/13
 - ii. 2013/14
 - iii. 2014/15
 - iv. 2015/16
 - v. 2016/17
 - vi. 2017/18
 - vii. 2018/19

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".

2. The combined value of the properties referred to in the answer to question 1., in
 - i. 2012/13
 - ii. 2013/14
 - iii. 2014/15
 - iv. 2015/16
 - v. 2016/17
 - vi. 2017/18
 - vii. 2018/19

[As per question 1.](#)

3. The number of homes previously sold under the Right to Buy that were reacquired by the council following a fraud investigation, in
 - i. 2012/13
 - ii. 2013/14

- iii. 2014/15
- iv. 2015/16
- v. 2016/17
- vi. 2017/18
- vii. 2018/19

City of Wolverhampton Council have not reacquired properties previously sold under RTB as a result of fraud investigations.

4. If the council has a private landlord licensing scheme, the number of homes which have been sold under the Right to Buy and subsequently listed as a privately let property since the scheme started, within the following timescales:
- i. one week
 - ii. one month
 - iii. one year

The only licensing scheme we currently run is the mandatory HMO licensing scheme and there is no requirement for applicants to declare how they acquired the property.