

## Response to Request for Information

Reference      FOI 121555  
Date            11 December 2015

### ***Evictions made of squatters and occupiers from vacant and unoccupied residential properties***

**Request:**

Please could you provide me with the following information for every year for the last 20 years (or as far as your records go back):

- a) The number of evictions made of squatters and occupiers from vacant and unoccupied residential properties across the borough.  
In respect of your above questions relating to unoccupied residential properties, it has been established after careful consideration that the Council does not hold this information as since 2005 any squatters in Council dwellings would not have been dealt with by the Wolverhampton Council. Consequently, we are unable to provide this information, and are informing you as required by Section 1(1) (a) of 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.

The Data Protection Officer  
Wolverhampton Homes  
Stowlawn Office  
Middleway Green  
Stowlawn  
Bilston

- b) The number of evictions made of squatters and occupiers from vacant and unoccupied commercial properties across the borough.  
NB. I appreciate that your historical statistics might merge these figures - please could you mark this in a third column, entitled 'residential/commercial'.  
The Council does not keep records of this information. The Council has not in the last 2 years conducted any evictions in relation to squatters in vacant commercial property.
- c) The number of officers you have working on the eviction of illegal squatters.

Information not held. Please refer your request to Wolverhampton Homes.

- d) The amount of money spent on legal fees in evicting people from squatted properties.  
The Council has no records of money spent on legal fees in evicting people from squatted properties prior to 2005.
- e) The amount of money spent **in total** in evicting people from squatted properties.  
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