



My Ref: FOI4924
Enquiries to: Information Requests
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Dear Requester,

Re: Request for Information – Freedom of Information Act 2000

I wish to confirm that the council has completed its search for the information which you requested.

The information requested and our findings are as follows: -

Use of HMOs for Asylum Seeker and Migrant Accommodation Dear FOI Officer, I am writing under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 to request the following information in relation to the use of HMOs (Houses in Multiple Occupation) within the Barnsley Metropolitan Borough:

1. How many properties currently used to house asylum seekers or migrants under Home Office contracts (e.g. Mears Group) fall within the definition of an HMO in Barnsley?

There are 6 licenced HMO's that are currently being used to home asylum seekers in Barnsley

2. Of those, how many are:

- a. licensed under BMBC's mandatory or additional HMO licensing schemes?

6

- b. Currently exempt from licensing due to temporary Home Office exemption provisions?

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3. Does BMBC hold any records—formal or informal—of the location (e.g. postcode sector or ward) or number of asylum-linked HMOs across the borough?

Yes

4. Have any complaints or inspections been logged against such properties since 2022 (e.g. environmental health, overcrowding, antisocial behaviour, fire safety)?

yes

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Barnsley
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Information Commissioner's Office
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
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SK9 5AF

Email: <http://www.ico.org.uk/foicomplaints>

Kind regards,

Information Requests Team, Barnsley MBC

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