



My Ref: FOI 6429
Enquiries to: Information Requests
E-Mail: informationrequests@barnsley.gov.uk

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: -

All companies that have been prosecuted, issued with a civil penalty notice or an improvement notice by Barnsley Council under the Housing Act 2004 since 1 January 2025, including: name of company, date, value of any penalty issued and brief description of the offence.

We are not able to provide data relating to this request as it is private and secure information not in the public domain.

I would also like a breakdown of the number of inspections of premises owned by corporate landlords in the same period, broken down by name of company and number of inspections.

After consideration of your request, I have decided to reuse it under section 12 (1) of the Freedom of Information Act. This is because it is estimated that the time taken to provide the information would exceed the appropriate limit of £450, equivalent to 18 hours of staff time.

section 12(1) of the freedom of information Act is a provision which allows a public authority to refuse to comply with the request for information where the cost of compliance is estimated to exceed a set limit known as the appropriate limit.

The case management system used by Safer Communities does not breakdown which landlords are corporate in nature, sole trader, offshore owned, family run or operate as a partnership. To answer this question the team would need to analyse the records and action logs of many case notes. This would exceed the section 12(1) allowance in terms of Officer time.

If you have any queries about this letter, please contact Information Requests Via email.

Please remember to quote the reference number above in any future communications.

If you are unhappy with the way the Directorate has handled your request, you may ask for an internal review. Please clearly mark your correspondence 'Complaint' and address it to:

Barnsley MBC
Information Requests Team
PO Box 634
Barnsley
S70 9GG
email: informationrequests@barnsley.gov.uk

If you are not content with the outcome of the internal review, you have the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at: -

Customer Services Team
Information Commissioner's Office
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
Cheshire
SK9 5AF

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

Kind regards,

Information Requests Team, Barnsley MBC

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