



My Ref: FOI4849
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: -

I am writing to request the following information under the Freedom of Information act 2000:

All prosecutions of, and penalties issued to, companies by the Council under the Housing Act 2004 since 2010, including name of the company, date of prosecution/penalty, size of monetary penalty including costs awarded, and a brief description of the offence

If this request is too wide or unclear, please get in touch

It is not possible to identify the requested information as the need to comply with the retention policy of the GDPR does not make provision to analyse such historic records. Many landlords and entities operate as sole traders and partnerships, and it is not clear from this contact if the requester wishes to include their data when making reference to 'companies'. Whilst clarity would be helpful, it is important to highlight that the Service is currently re-designing a new case management system that will enable Barnsley Council to better answer such requests. At the moment, the system currently employed by this Service would not be able to provide the required data without a manual trawl to determine if a company rather than an individual had been subjected to a formal penalty. Any request for similar data spanning a number of years may fall within Section 12 (1) of the Freedom of Information Act because of the need to carry out a manual trawl of available data.

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

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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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