



My Ref: FOI 6658
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 conducting research into letting agent regulation in England, and would like to request the following data relating to Fixed Penalty Notices (FPNs) issued to letting agents by your authority's housing enforcement and/or Trading Standards functions, for 2019, 2023, 2024 and 2025:

- **The number of FPNs issued to letting agents**

The Council does not issue FPNs to Letting Agents, however the number of Civil Penalties issued to Letting Agents is included below.

YEAR	NO.
2019	0
2023	<5
2024	0
2025	16

- **The total value of FPNs issued to letting agents (£)**

The Council does not hold this information. The case management system used by the Council does not record whether a civil penalty was issued to a letting agent, sole trader or other organisation.

- **The number of FPNs issued to letting agents that year which, as of today, have not yet been fully paid**

The Council is unable to identify the total value of penalties issued to letting agents, the number of penalties which remain unpaid, or the value of any outstanding penalties issued specifically to letting agents.

- **The total value of FPNs issued to letting agents that year which, as of today, have not yet been paid**

The Council is unable to identify the total value of penalties issued to letting agents, the number of penalties which remain unpaid, or the value of any outstanding penalties issued specifically to letting agents.

To assist with analysis, I would be grateful if this data could be presented as a table with one row per year (2019, 2023, 2024 and 2025), and four columns showing, for each year: number of FPNs issued, value of FPNs issued (£), number of FPNs paid, and value of FPNs paid (£).

If your authority does not hold all of the above data, please provide whatever is available in this format. I believe this information would be of significant public interest given ongoing debates about the regulation of the private rented sector and the effectiveness of existing enforcement mechanisms.

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:

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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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