

My Ref: FOI/4365

Your Ref:

Date: 08/05/2025

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: -

Your questions and my findings are as follows:-

1. The total number of Civil Penalties relating to housing offences served to private landlords per year for the following years:

**2023/2024** - 10 **2024/2025** - 16

- 2. The number of Civil Penalties issued to private landlords each year (so 2023/2024 & 2024/2025) for each of the following offences per year:
- a) Failure to comply with an Improvement Notice (section 30 of the Housing Act 2004)
- b) Offences in relation to licensing of Houses in Multiple Occupation (section 72 of the Housing Act 2004)
- c) Offences in relation to licensing of houses under Part 3 of the Act (section 95 of the Housing Act 2004)
- d) Offences of contravention of an overcrowding notice (section 139 of the Housing Act 2004)
- e) Failure to comply with management regulations in respect of Houses in Multiple Occupation (section 234 of the Housing Act 2004)
- f) Banning Orders under the Housing and Planning Act 2016
- g) Offences in relation to Minimum Energy Efficiency Standards (MEES) Regulations
- h) Smoke and Carbon Monoxide (England) Regulations 2015

After considering your request I have decided to refuse 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.

Your request would require the analysis of individual cases to identify Civil Penalties recorded in the individual Action Logs.

3. The total amount of income (£) levied (so before appeals/negotiations/legal costs etc) in Civil Penalties relating to housing offences to private landlords per year for the following years:

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4. The total amount of income (£) collected (after appeals/negotiations/legal costs etc) in Civil Penalties relating to housing offences to private landlords per year for the following years:

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Barnsley MBC Information Requests Team PO Box 634 Barnsley S70 9GG

email: informationrequests@barnsley.gov.uk

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**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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