

FOI Reference Number: FOI/276/1819

Date: 04/09/2018

**Request:**

Dear Sir,

I would like to submit a request for Information under the Freedom of Information Act.

The Licensing of Houses in Multiple Occupation (Prescribed Description) (England) Order 2018 is due to come into effect on October 1, 2018. Similar legislation is in effect in Scotland. It requires private landlords with properties housing three or more tenants, forming more than one household, to obtain an HMO license. Those with properties in which tenants share a bathroom, kitchen or toilet facilities with others also require to be licensed.

I would like to know if your local authority has conducted research to establish how many properties within its area fall into this category and are owned by landlords who now require to obtain an HMO license.

Further, I would like to know if your local authority has conducted research to establish how many properties within its area are, as of September 3, 2018, compliant with the new regulations such that the landlord has been granted a license or could expect to be granted a license.

I look forward to hearing from you.

**Response:**

Thank you for your information request which Mid and East Antrim Borough Council received on 04/09/2018.

Please find below Mid and East Antrim Borough Council's response to the information you requested in relation to The Licensing of Houses in Multiple Occupation.

Please note that in Northern Ireland district councils are not responsible for the provision of housing. Please contact the Northern Ireland Housing Executive who should be able to help you with your request

If you are dissatisfied with the handling of part of your request, you have the right to ask for an internal review. Internal review requests should be submitted within two months of the date of receipt of the response to your original letter and should be addressed to the Chief Executive at the Braid Ballymena Town Hall, 1-29 Bridge Street, Ballymena, BT43 5EJ.

Please remember to quote the reference number FOI/276/1819 in any future communications.

If you are not content with the outcome of an internal review, you have the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at: Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF.

Please be advised that Mid and East Antrim Borough Council may release the response to this information request into the public domain via our website at <https://www.midandeastantrim.gov.uk/>.

If we publish our response to your request, your personal data will be removed to protect your privacy.