

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000

Your request for information has now been considered and the Council's response to your questions is shown below.

You asked:

- 1. how many prosecutions has the council 'sought to take' against private landlords in the last 5 years?**

ANSWER

The Council's Private Sector Housing division have sought to take 8 prosecutions.

The Council's Housing Options team has attended to 92 attempted illegal evictions in the last 5 years. Out of the 92 attempted illegal evictions, the majority were resolved with the tenant being re-instated back into the property.

- 2. what were the names of those sought to be prosecuted?**

I can confirm that Leicester City Council does hold this information however we are withholding that information since we consider that to be an absolute exemption under section 40(2) (personal data), and this therefore constitutes a refusal under section 17 of the Freedom of information Act 2000.

- 3. how many successful prosecutions does the council have against private landlords in the last 5 years?**

The Council's Private Sector Housing division reports 7 successful prosecutions. The Housing Options team say none, as the majority of evictions were resolved amicably and in a few instances the Council could not prosecute as the tenants have refused to return back to the property or testify in court.

- 4. what are the names of those private landlords successfully prosecuted by the landlords?**

I can confirm that Leicester City Council does hold this information however we are withholding that information since we consider that to be an absolute exemption under section 40(2) (personal data), and this therefore constitutes a refusal under section 17 of the Freedom of information Act 2000.

- 5. how many complaints have been made to the council in the last 3 years about private landlords?**

2,264

- 6. Have any complaints been made to the council about the**

accommodation agency (other than my own) ? what were the complaints about in nature? did the council take action?

Yes, managing agents can be accused of not acting in the interest of tenants. There are a whole range of complaints including damp, heating, disrepair, management. Responsibility may lie with the managing agent or the owner.

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