

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. Do you have a database/records of private landlords found guilty of offences under the Housing Act 2004 since Jan 2011? If so please can you supply us with this database (including the names and offences of the landlords)?

ANSWER

Mr Hamilton offence operating part 2 HMO without mandatory licence.
Mr Harjeet Johal offence operating part 2 HMO without mandatory licence.

2. Do you discharge your homelessness duty by way of an offer of assured short hold tenancies in the private rented sector? How many homeless households have you placed in private rented sector since Jan 2012? Have any of the landlords you use for this purpose been subject to enforcement action or been found guilty of offences under the Housing Act 2004? If so can we have their names, details of offences, details of enforcement action and the number of homeless households that have been placed with them?

The Council does discharge its duties by way of an offer of assured shorthold tenancies in the private rented sector via

s 206 (1b) .

The numbers of households in s206 properties is available in the public domain from the Council's P1E returns at <https://www.gov.uk/government/statistical-data-sets/live-tables-on-homelessness>

The Council has not received any complaints from tenants residing in 206 accommodation relating to any offences being committed by the said landlords.

3. Does the council's housing team or equivalent advise or refer people seeking housing advice to particular landlords? Have any of these landlords been subject to enforcement action or been found guilty of offences under the Housing Act 2004? If so can we have their names, details of offences and details of enforcement action?

Leicester City Council works with landlords and agents throughout Leicester City to assist people in securing private rented accommodation under its Private Rented Sector Schemes.

There has been one case in which the Council successfully prosecuted a landlord (please see attached media coverage).

4. How many landlords have failed your fit and proper person test when applying for a licence? Please provide us with the names of these landlords, reason for failure and if known the number of their properties?

None

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