

Freedom of Information Act 2000 – Tenancy Changes

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

You asked:

- 1) **How many people of Working Age have transferred from claims of Housing Benefit to Local Housing Allowance since April 2013?**

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- 2) **How many people have started a new tenancy within the socially rented sector for a smaller property since April 2013?**

150 Social tenants who had underoccupation priority commenced new tenancies through the housing register during the period 1st April 2013 – 26th March 2014

- 3) **For all new tenancies since April 2013, could you please specify the number of new tenancies that have been started because of people downsizing to avoid the underoccupancy penalty/new social size criteria?**

We do not ask applicants on the Housing Register to specify the reason that they wish to downsize. Therefore this part of the letter acts as a refusal notice under section 17.1 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 because, in accordance with section 1.1 of the Act, this information is not held by the Council.

The legislation allows you to use the information supplied for your own personal use, or for journalistic purposes. If the information is a dataset (which does not relate to the environment), you may also use the information for commercial re-use under an [Open Government Licence](#).

If you are dissatisfied with the handling of your request please write to:

Information Governance Manager
Information and Support
Leicester City Council
FREEPOST (LE985/33)
New Walk Centre
LEICESTER LE1 6ZG
e-mail: info.requests@leicester.gov.uk

Your request for internal review should be submitted to the above address within 40 (forty) working days of receipt by you of this response. Any such request received after this time will only be considered at the Council's absolute discretion.

You may also seek independent advice from the Information Commissioner at:

Information Commissioner's Office
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow SK9 5AF
Telephone: 01625 545 700
www.informationcommissioner.gov.uk

Please be aware that the Information Commissioner does not normally consider requests until the internal appeals process of the Council has been exhausted. You are therefore advised to appeal to the Information Governance Manager before contacting the Commissioner.