FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST – 1156/18

Dear Sir/Madam

Your request for information has now been considered and the information requested is provided below.

Request / Response:

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.

1. 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.

   Answer: There is no specific research - HMOs will be identified through routine housing enforcement activity.

2. 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.

   Answer: There is no specific research - HMOs will be identified through routine housing enforcement activity.

If you are dissatisfied with the handling of your request please contact the Head of Corporate Governance, Rutland County Council, Catmose, Oakham, Rutland LE15 6HP

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