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Dear Mr Williams

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 - INFORMATION REQUEST

Thank you for your request regarding information concerning the logging of complaints.

Your request has been considered and processed in accordance with the requirements of the Freedom of Information (FOI) Act 2000.

You asked the following,

'According to your records, is there anything that could disincentivise the logging of complaints?

'For examples of potential such disincentivisations (but not limited to these): Is anyone in your organisation targeted (in anyway; financial or otherwise) on the number of complaints logged?

'Is your organisation *as a whole* targeted (in anyway; financial or otherwise) on the number of complaints logged?'

You added,

'To add clarification:

'... Even if it were just a *policy* (formal or otherwise) of trying to minimise the number of complaints logged (without it necessarily being 'targeted' per se) then that's absolutely the type of thing I'm interested it.

'I expect there must be *something*, since I can think of no other rational explanation for such outrageous behavior .'

Lewisham Homes measures the numbers of complaints received and aims to respond within set timescales. However I can confirm that we do not hold any records relating to disincentives for staff logging complaints. There are no targets for staff or the organisation on the number of complaints logged.

Staff at Lewisham Homes try to avoid formal complaints by resolving issues quickly. Our complaint policy is available on our website at https://www.lewishamhomes.org.uk/contact-us/complaints-and-compliments/our-complaints-policy/ and states the following,

Lewisham Homes' policy is to resolve all complaints at the earliest possible opportunity.

We can often resolve issues quickly, for example where an appointment needs to be rearranged. However, if we are not able to find a solution quickly, we will register your complaint formally.

Please find enclosed an information sheet regarding copyright protection and the Lewisham Homes complaints procedure in the event that you are not satisfied with the response.

Yours sincerely

Hilary Barber

Head of Governance

Enclosure(s):

1. Copyright Protection and Complaints Information

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Lewisham Homes does operate a complaints procedure in the event that you are not satisfied with the response. Lewisham Homes would ask that you make any complaint within 3 months of receiving the original response. You can write to:

Customer Relations Team Old Town Hall Catford Road London SE6 4RU

You also have a right to ask the Information Commissioner to determine if the Lewisham Homes has complied with the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act 2000. You can write to:

Information Commissioner's Office Wycliffe House Water Lane Wilmslow Cheshire SK9 5AF