



Mr Jonathan Boyle

7 November 2019

Dear Mr Boyle,

### **Response to Request for Information – 784821**

1. Over the past twelve months, how many people have been evicted from local authority property?

2018-2019 = 44

So far this year = 16

2. Over the past twelve months, how many evicted people have been licensees?

In response to question 2, Section 1 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 places two duties on public authorities. Unless exemptions apply, the first duty at:

- Section 1(1) (a) is to confirm or deny whether the information specified in a request is held.
- The second duty at Section 1(1)(b) is to disclose information that has been confirmed as being held.

In respect of question 2, it has been established after careful consideration that the Council does not hold the above information.

Consequently, we are unable to provide any information relating to the above, and are informing you as required by Section 1(1) (a) of the Act, that states:

"Any person making a request for information to a public authority is entitled to be informed in writing by the public authority whether it holds information of the description specified in the request".

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3. Over the past twelve months, how many evicted people have been tenants?  
[See response to question 2.](#)
4. Over the past twelve months, how many evicted tenants have had their personal property disposed of by the local authority?  
[See response to question 2.](#)
5. Over the past twelve months, how many evicted tenants have had their personal property stored by the local authority?  
[See response to question 2.](#)
6. Over the past twelve months how many evicted ex-licensees have had their personal property stored by the local authority?  
[See response to question 2.](#)
7. Over the past twelve months how many evicted ex-Council licensees have had their personal property stored by the local authority?  
[See response to question 2.](#)
8. Please provide details of the average cost of storing an evicted persons personal property?  
[See response to question 2.](#)
9. Please provide details of the average length of time that evicted persons have their personal property stored by the local authority over the past twelve months?  
[See response to question 2.](#)
10. Under what circumstances does the local authority protect the personal property of evicted persons?  
[See response to question 2.](#)
11. Under what circumstances do the local authority dispose of the personal property of evicted persons?  
[See response to question 2.](#)

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12. Under what legal basis does the local authority dispose of the personal property of evicted persons?  
[See response to question 2.](#)
13. Please detail when the local authority started disposing of evicted persons personal property seven days after eviction?  
[See response to question 2.](#)
14. Please disclose any policy documents or guidance issued to housing officers regarding disposing of personal property left behind by ex-Council tenants in Council property?  
[See response to question 2.](#)
15. Please disclose any policy regarding evictions?  
[See response to question 2.](#)
16. Please provide copies of any Equality Impact Assessments which were carried out when formulating the policies in 14 and 15.  
[See response to question 2.](#)
17. Please detail over the past three years, the number of complaints that have been made by evicted persons because of the Council's disposal of their personal property?  
[3 complaints](#)

Please quote the reference number 784821 in any future communications.

If you are dissatisfied with the handling of your request, you have the right to ask for an internal review. Internal review requests should be submitted within two months of the date of receipt of the response to your original letter and should be addressed to:

Information Governance Team  
Governance  
City of Wolverhampton Council  
Civic Centre  
St. Peter's Square  
Wolverhampton WV1 1SH  
Email: [foi@wolverhampton.gov.uk](mailto:foi@wolverhampton.gov.uk)

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If you are still dissatisfied with the Council's response after the internal review you have a right of appeal to the Information Commissioner at:

The Information Commissioner's Office  
Wycliffe House  
Water Lane  
Wilmslow  
Cheshire SK9 5AF.  
Telephone: 01625 545 700  
Website: [www.ico.gov.uk](http://www.ico.gov.uk)

I will now close your request as of this date.

Yours sincerely

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