

## Freedom of Information Act 2000

Explanation of reduction in HMO numbers on register 2018  
2019



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**Q1.** Can I please have your current up to date list of licensed HMOs and an explanation as to the Council's opinion on why the numbers in the last issued list are so dramatically reduced compared with a list produced in 2018 and 2017?

**Response:**

Please see a copy of the Public Register attached.

The lists in 2017 & 2018 would have included all licensed HMOs from the first two additional licensing schemes and the Mandatory licensing scheme.

In 2018 one of the additional schemes ended and the Mandatory licensing regime changed. Subsequently all HMOs licensed under these schemes ended.

In late 2018 we then started licensing HMOs that met the new Mandatory requirements. A new additional licensing scheme was also launched in late 2018. Since then we have been licensing HMOs that fall into these two schemes. HMOs will only appear on the public register once they have been issued their final licence certificate.

At present there are over 1000 HMOs that are awaiting their final licences to be issued and hence why the number on the current register is less than it would have been in 2017 & 2018.

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