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Date: **19 August 2015**

Dear Mr Sargood

Freedom of Information Act 2000

Thank you for your request for information which was received on 11 August 2015.

You requested: *a contact database providing the contact details of all local authorities in England and Wales.*

This request has been considered under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

I am writing to advise you that, following a search of our paper and electronic records, I have established that the information you requested is not held by Department for Communities and Local Government. DCLG does not maintain a central list of Local Authorities within the UK. Local Authorities are accountable to their electorate, not DCLG, and therefore there is no requirement for DCLG to keep this data.

However the data you request should be publicly available e.g. by accessing individual council websites, and Wikipedia may also be a good resource.

The Municipal Journal (website <http://www.themj.co.uk/>) has a product which can be purchased called the Municipal Year Book. The Year Book is a local government directory which contains detailed listings for all 417 UK local authorities. The link to this is:

<https://www.municipalyearbook.co.uk/>

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

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If you are not content with the outcome of the internal review, you have the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. Generally, the ICO

cannot make a decision unless you have exhausted the internal review procedure provided by the Department.

The Information Commissioner can be contacted at:
The Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow,
Cheshire, SK9 5AF.
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Yours sincerely

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