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FOI Reference: 744197  
Email: xxx@xxxx.xxx.x  
Date: 8 March 2019

Dear Mr Brownlow

### **Freedom of Information Act 2000**

Thank you for your recent request to the Council. You asked to be provided with the following information:

*After the recent revelation that over £100,000 was paid to a person falsely claiming to have been staying in Grenfell Tower I would like to ask how many people who were NOT the official tenants of the building received money or other benefits as a result of the fire.  
Were identity checks done on those claiming for money or any kind of benefit?  
Did the tenants that live abroad and sub-let their council properties also receive money?*

### **Response**

I am pleased to provide some of the information you have requested. I have detailed below the information.

### **How many people who were NOT the official tenants of the building received money or other benefits as a result of the fire.**

We have interpreted 'the building' to mean Grenfell Tower and Grenfell Walk.

Support, including payments, following the fire has been provided not only for people who were tenants or residents of Grenfell Tower and Grenfell Walk, but also for those displaced from surrounding buildings and the wider community. Payments have been made to 489 households who were affected by the fire, in addition to those previously residing in Grenfell Tower and Grenfell Walk. These payments have been made in line with formal council decisions to support households from the wider area, details of which can be found on our website.

**Were identity checks done on those claiming for money or any kind of benefit?**

When making one-off payments, the Grenfell finance team process these in accordance with financial regulations, and further checks and verifications are required in some cases.

Any individuals raising concerns or suspected of fraud are referred to our dedicated fraud team for Grenfell cases, who are working in partnership with the police.

I can confirm that the remainder of the information you have requested is held by Royal Borough Kensington and Chelsea, by law. However, I'm unable to give this to you.

**Did the tenants that live abroad and sub-let their council properties also receive money?**

We have withheld this information due to the potential of identifying individuals. Under the Freedom of Information Act we have the right to refuse a request for information held if an exemption applies.

The requested details comprise a small number of a small population, it is considered that the information is exempt from disclosure under section 40 (2) of the Act, as it is personal information which would enable the identification of individuals who would not have an expectation that such information would be made public. Disclosure would thereby breach Principle 1 of the Data Protection Act 2018 (Fair and Lawful Processing).

This response therefore acts as a refusal notice under section 17 of the FoIA.

Please quote the reference number 744197 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 Management Team  
The Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea  
The Town Hall, Hornton Street, London W8 7NX  
Email: [xxx@xxxx.xxx.xx](mailto:xxx@xxxx.xxx.xx)

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.org.uk](http://www.ico.org.uk)

I will now close your request as of this date.

Yours sincerely

Information Management Team