

Freedom of Information Request 221-2021

Request

I wish to put a freedom of information request in for Licensed HMOs, with information of landlords names, addresses and HMO address.

Response

Your request for information has now been considered. Rotherham Metropolitan Borough Council cannot supply all the information you have requested for the reasons set out below.

Section 1 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) 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.

Where exemptions are relied upon Section 17 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 requires that we provide the applicant with a notice which:

- (a) states the fact,
- (b) specifies the exemption in question and
- (c) states (if that would not otherwise be apparent) why the exemption applies

In relation to this particular request, the following exemption applies:

Section 14(2)

Your request is refused under Section 14(2) of the Freedom of Information Act which states that:

“Where a public authority has previously complied with a request for information which was made by any person, it is not obliged to comply with a subsequent identical or substantially similar request from that person unless a reasonable interval has elapsed between compliance with the previous request and the making of the current request.”

You submitted an identical request on 13 May 2020, which was responded to in full on 3 June 2020.