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Our ref: 9541365

Your ref:

Date: 3 May 2019

Dear Sir/Madam

Freedom of Information Act 2000

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

*Please provide the following information under the freedom of information act.
Please commence with data in 3 month segments and work back in 3 month increments until the restrictions of a s12 are reached or to a maximum of 12 months*

The information relates specifically to Housing Options transfer applications on disability and or medical grounds

It is understood that the information exists in relation to effectiveness and efficiency monitoring of 3rd party contractors as well as the process being intrinsically linked to Adult Social Care and Disability requirements in the housing sector.

Please define the period of data being supplied in which should be reflected as the same in all questions

- 1. The number of applications to move under medical and or disability grounds*
- 2. The number of medical assessments made relating to applications to move on medical and or disability grounds*
- 3. The number of Housing Needs "V4" summary reports raised and the breakdown of accommodation requirement types stipulated in those forms from Mobility or "Mob" 1 to 4*
- 4. The number of Housing Option decisions sent to applicants in which the mobility assessments have remained the same as the V4, changed to a lesser category (eg Mob 2 to Mob 3) or higher category (eg Mob 3 to 2)*

Response

This request is being handled under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

For Q1, our system is unable to report on the number of applications to move under medical and or disability grounds. To provide this information would require checking all applications for housing which would significantly exceed the cost threshold under the Act.

As an indication of the work involved, there are currently a total of 4,012 households registered on the waiting list.

We could provide the number of applicants that had been accepted for re-housing under the Category A Medical Priority group at any given point in time e.g. 1st April 2019. Please advise if this would be helpful.

For Q2, we do not have a field which records the date of any medical assessment. Such information is likely to be found in a free text field. To provide this information would therefore require checking all applications for housing which would significantly exceed the cost threshold under the Act.

For Q3, please advise what you mean by a "Housing Needs "V4" summary report". I can at this stage advise that we are able to provide the number of applications registered for re-housing by mobility category 1-4 at any given date.

For Q4, again, please advise what you mean by a "Housing Needs "V4" summary report".

In accordance with section 17 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 this letter acts as a Refusal Notice for the information above. If the suggested information mentioned above would be helpful, please let me know.

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
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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. Further information is also available from the Information Commissioner at:

Information Commissioner's Office
Wycliffe House
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SK9 5AF

Tel: 0303 123 1113 or 01625 54 57 45
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I will now close your request as of this date.

Yours faithfully

Westminster Council