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Mr Keith Lisle
Via email

Date: **23 January 2020**

Dear Mr Lisle

Freedom of Information Act 2000 - 4948011

Thank you for your request for information which was received on 20 December 2019 about the Midlands Voluntary Right to Buy (VRTB) pilot. This request has been considered under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

I am writing to inform you that we have searched our records and some of the information you requested is not held by Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government. I will deal with each point in turn. I have applied your own numbering system throughout. Please note there was no number 4 in the request for information received.

Due to the way that the information is collected I have provided detail up to and including 6 January 2020. This is the nearest date to 20 December 2019 which we can provide information.

1. Up to 20/12/2019, how many applications have been registered on the Homes England's IT system?

Up to 6 January, 3875 applications have been registered on Homes England's IT Systems.

2. Up to 20/12/2019, how many applications have had their application cancelled?

Up to 6 January, 1722 applications have been terminated.

3. Up to 20/12/2019 how many property sales have completed and now owned by the tenant?

Up to 6 January, 1160 sales have been completed.

5. How much of the allocated £200,000,000 has now been spent?

Up to 6 January, £77.3m has been spent.

6. How many applicants from Worcester City Council have cancelled, how many have completed and how many still in the process of purchasing?

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7. How many applicants from Redditch Borough Council have cancelled, complete or still in the process of purchasing?

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8. How many applicants from Wychavon District Council have cancelled, how many have completed and how many still in the process of purchasing.

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9. How many applicants from Malvern Hills District Council have cancelled, how many have completed and how many still in the process of purchasing?

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10. How many applicants from Wyre Forest District Council have cancelled, how many have completed and how many still in the process of purchasing.

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11. How many applicants from Bromsgrove District Council have cancelled, how many have completed and how many still in the process of purchasing.

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12. Will there be a review of the Midlands VRTB pilot unsuccessful applicants before any other right to buy are started?

There are currently no plans to review unsuccessful Midlands applicants. The pilot will be fully evaluated after it completes.

For sections, where the information is not held by the Department, I suggest you contact Homes England.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/homes-england>

Complaints procedure

If you are unhappy with this response, we will review it and report back to you. (This is called an internal review.) If you want us to do this, let us know by return email within two months of receiving this response. You can also ask by letter addressed to:

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If you are unhappy with the outcome of this internal review, you can ask the independent Information Commissioner to investigate. The Information

Commissioner can be contacted at email address casewo@ico.org.uk or use their online form at ico.org.uk/concerns or call them on 0303 123 1113.

Yours sincerely

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