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Dear Mr Heale

### **Freedom of Information Act 2000 – Internal review**

Thank you for your internal review request of 31 May 2021 in relation to your Freedom of Information Act request regarding Housing waiting lists, which we received on 22 April 2021. We apologise for the length of time it has taken us to respond to you

We have now processed your request and I can confirm that we partly uphold your complaint.

Your request and our response are below:

### **Your request**

***Please can you provide the following information under the Freedom Of information (F.O.I.) Act:-***

***1. The number of INDIVIDUALS/PEOPLE on the Brighton and Hove City Council Housing Waiting List for the following years/dates: 2017/18; 2018/19; 2019/20; 2020/21.***

***2. The number of HOUSEHOLDS on the Brighton and Hove City Council Housing Waiting List for the following years: 2017/18; 2018/19; 2019/20; 2020/21.***

***I would be grateful if you could provide these statistics/information in a clear and understandable format. If the current statistics are unavailable, please let me know when they will be available and any available up to date statistics (e.g. for the six month or nine month period of the most recent year)***

### **Our initial response**

On 25 May 2021, we responded stating that this information was held and provided the below response.

**1. The number of INDIVIDUALS/PEOPLE on the Brighton and Hove City Council Housing Waiting List for the following years/dates: 2017/18; 2018/19; 2019/20; 2020/21.**

**Response:** We do not hold this information, it is not collected on the system.

**2. The number of HOUSEHOLDS on the Brighton and Hove City Council Housing Waiting List for the following years: 2017/18; 2018/19; 2019/20; 2020/21.**

**Response:** Only the yearly figure is available for 2017/18 and 2018/19. Monthly breakdown is as follows:

	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep
2017/18	14,785					
2018/19	8,637					
2019/20	8788	8878	9008	9087	9169	9269
2020/21	9,094	8,353	8,369	8,344	8,312	7,790

	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar
2017/18	14,785					
2018/19	8,637					
2019/20	9157	9143	9129	9102	9156	9155
2020/21	7,414	7,199	7,123	7,074	7,022	6,982

#### **Your internal review request**

On 31 May 2021, you submitted the following email:

***I am writing to request an internal review of Brighton and Hove City Council's handling of my FOI request 'NUMBER of INDIVIDUALS (PEOPLE ) and HOUSEHOLDS on the City Council HOUSING WAITING LIST'.***

***This is for two reasons:-***

***1. The Council previously provided information about the number of individuals (people) on the Housing Waiting List/Register in a response to a question made on 30th March 2020. This was titled "Number of INDIVIDUALS on the Council Housing Register/Waiting List". This was after an Internal Review found in my favour.***

***2. The statistics about the number of individual people on the Housing Waiting List/Register gives a better picture of the housing situation so***

***those figures should be compiled and be available to the public.***

A full history of my FOI request and all correspondence is available on the Internet at this address:

[https://www.whatdotheyknow.com/request/number\\_of\\_individuals\\_people\\_and](https://www.whatdotheyknow.com/request/number_of_individuals_people_and)

### **Our internal review response**

In processing your internal review request we contacted the Housing team as they would hold the information being request should it be held by the Council. They provided the following response.

In relation to FOI request *Number of individuals on the Council Housing Register/Waiting List 5949589* the data was provided at the time of request which provided the number of individuals currently on the register at that time.

In relation to FOI request *Housing Waiting List 8403633*, the data was not available as it was required over several years and as the register is not static we could not provide this information.

Reports change every minute as the system reflects on the current status of the register.

As off as of 6 April 2022, we can provide the following information:

Households	Bedroom need
1991	1
1579	2
940	3
135	4
54	5
2	6

Households	individuals per household	
1766	1	1766
1101	2	2202
821	3	2463
508	4	2032
330	5	1650
133	6	798
34	7	238
6	8	48
2	9	18
Total of individuals on the register		11215

If you are not content with the outcome of this Internal Review you have the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner's Office for a further decision. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at:

Information Commissioner's Office  
Wycliffe House  
Water Lane  
Wilmslow  
Cheshire  
SK9 5AF

[http://www.ico.gov.uk/complaints/freedom\\_of\\_information.aspx](http://www.ico.gov.uk/complaints/freedom_of_information.aspx)

Helpline on 0303 123 1113

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