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Dear Ms Wyatt,

Freedom of Information Act 2000
Request for Information: Information Provided
Subject: Reviews and appeals of private sector discharges

We write with regard to your recent enquiry for information held by the Council under the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act 2000. We trust that the information provided is satisfactory.

For future reference we publish information on our website, including the Freedom of Information Publication Scheme and summary of Freedom of Information requests and responses that may be of help to you in searching for information. Our website is mentioned above.

It is important to note that under the Privacy and Electronic Communications (EC Directive) Regulations 2003 the Council asks not to receive unsolicited marketing communication.

Request

In a recent FOI (E28082) you said you had made 372 private sector discharges of a homeless duty in the last year.

- 1) How many of these discharges in the last year were reviewed on the basis of the location of the private sector discharge being unsuitable?
- 2) How many of the reviews in the last year found that the private sector discharge location was unsuitable?
- 3) How many households in that year took the challenge of locality of private sector discharge up to appeal after a negative review decision?
- 4) How many of the appeals against the locality of a private sector discharge in the last year found the location to be unsuitable?

Response

- 1) Of the 185 discharges of duty for accepting a post localism offer, 18 households submitted a suitability review on the basis of location.
- 2) 3 of the 18 reviews found the original discharge location was unsuitable.
- 3) 2 households have appealed to the county court against the Council's decision.
- 4) Neither of the appeals have found the location to be unsuitable. One found in favour of the Council's decision and one appeal is still in progress.

If you require any further information or are not happy with our response please do not hesitate to contact a member of our team on (020) 8430 2000 or email us at information.governance@newham.gov.uk.

Yours sincerely,

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