

Ms Linda Sinclair,
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Date 30 August 2013

Your ref

Our RFI ref EDIR916/SD.32/AR-KH

Dear Ms Sinclair

Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 – Release of Information

Subject: Social Housing data

Thank you for your request for information which has been dealt with under the terms of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002. As your request is in several parts it is re-stated below, in italics, with the relevant response then following immediately after. You asked:

“1. How many one bedroom general needs properties do you have available to Let (voids) this week?”

Answer 1) The number of available properties changes weekly and up-to-date details can be found at <http://keytochoice.scotsman.com>

“2. How many tenants are deemed to be under-occupying, and needing one bed accommodation?”

Answer 2) At the end of May 2013 there were 3,146 tenants having a 14% reduction in Housing Benefit through the Social Sector Size Criteria or Under Occupation regulations.

“3. How many people are already on the waiting list for one bedroom properties?”

Answer 3) We do not operate a waiting list and do not know how many applicants are specifically seeking a one bedroom property. At the end of 2012/13 there were 25,765 households who had applied for housing.

Please note that this letter constitutes a formal refusal notice under section 17 of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 for this aspect of your enquiry.

To promote transparency and accountability, please note it is the Council's policy to publish all request details and responses made under freedom of information legislation. This information will be made available through the Council's website but will not include your personal details.

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If you are unhappy with the way we have dealt with your request, you can ask us to review our actions and decisions by writing to the Head of Legal, Risk & Compliance, The City of Edinburgh Council, Waverley Court Business Centre 3:1, 4, East Market Street, Edinburgh, EH8 8BG or email: legal.foi@edinburgh.gov.uk.

Please note that your request must be in a recordable format (email, letter, audio tape etc), and that you have 40 working days upon receipt of this letter to ask for a review. You will receive a full response to your review request within 20 working days of its receipt. Please remember to quote the RFI reference number above in any future communications.

If you are not content with the outcome of the review, you can ask the Scottish Information Commissioner to review our decision. You must submit your complaint to the Commissioner within six months of receiving our review response. The Commissioner can be contacted at:

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Kinburn Castle, Doubledykes Road
St Andrews
Fife KY16 9DS
Telephone: 01334 464610; Fax: 01334 464611
Website www.itspublicknowledge.info
E-mail: enquiries@itspublicknowledge.info

Yours sincerely,

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