



# Freedom of Information Request FOI1563

## Request:

I am writing to submit a Freedom of Information request about the subletting of homes by council tenants.

Specifically, I would like to know:

- How many council tenants have been investigated for subletting their property?
- How many of these were subsequently found to have been subletting, or attempting to sublet, their property?
- What fines, if any, were these people given? Please specify for each case.
- How many of these were evicted from their council property?

Please provide data for each of the last five financial years, as well as figures from the end of the last financial year to the present, if these figures are available.

Please also state the company the property was being, or was suspected of being, sublet through (eg. Airbnb, Spare Room) if possible.

Submitted on 05/08/19.

## Response:

Before March 2018 there have been circa 194 cases of Tenancy Fraud. These could be cases of anything from Benefit Fraud to reports of subletting.

To provide the detail requested would require opening and examining each case.

Therefore the request is refused under s12 (1) Freedom of Information Act 2000, since the cost of complying would exceed the appropriate limit set out in the Freedom of Information and Data Protection (Appropriate Limit and Fees) Regulations 2004.

In assessing the cost of complying, the costs attributable to officer time involved in complying have been taken into account. Such costs are limited to £450.00 under the Regulations, which equates to eighteen hours of officer time.

From March 2018 to date, central fraud team carry out cases of subletting council properties. Please see attached.