



North Tyneside Council

Reference: FOI3623

**Request:**

The relevant department may be named as any of the following:

- Private Sector Housing Officer
- Planning & Enforcement Officer
- Environmental Health Officer
- Environmental Enforcement Officer
- Empty Property Officer
- Housing Development Officer
- Housing Standards Officer
- Council Tax Officers

Could you please then provide the following information:

Does the council currently use the services of an external tracing agent, research firm or genealogists to assist with finding owners of empty or presumed empty, privately owned residential property?

**Yes.**

2. If so, which firm(s) has the council worked with?

**Finders International and Graftons.**

3. Please provide the name, email address and direct telephone number of the officer or team that manages or monitors private residential empty homes matters.

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