

Request:

I am requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act.

Right to Buy

1. How many council housing units have been sold under the Right to Buy 'additional sales' scheme (i.e. subject to the one-for-one additions policy) since the start of 2012/13?

For details of the 'additional sales' scheme, please see page 8 of this document - [https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/622889/Right to Buy sales in England 2016 to 2017 quarter 4.pdf](https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/622889/Right_to_Buy_sales_in_England_2016_to_2017_quarter_4.pdf) - "In April 2012, March 2013 and July 2014 the Government made changes to the Right to Buy scheme, increasing the maximum discount caps. An estimate of the expected sales without these increases to the discount cap was calculated using projections from Her Majesty's Treasury's (HMT) self-financing model. Any Right to Buy sales above these projections are considered 'additional' and are subject to the one-for-one additions policy, which is a commitment to provide an affordable dwelling for each additional Right to Buy dwelling sold"

328

2. How many council housing units have been 'started on site' or acquired under the one-for-one additions policy as replacements for units sold under the additional sales scheme since the start of 2012/13?

110

3. How many council housing units have been sold under the Right to Buy scheme since the start of 2012/13 other than those listed in response to question 1?

250

4. How many council housing units have been 'started on site' or acquired since the start of 2012/13 other than those listed in response to question 2?

38

5. Please list the postcode and road name for each of the units listed in response to question 1

See attached sheet

6. Please list the postcode and road name for each of the units listed in response to question 2

See attached sheet

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7. Please list the postcode and road name for the units listed in response to question 3

See attached sheet

8. Please list the postcode and road name for each of the units listed in response to question 4

See attached sheet

Please note that one "council housing unit" is one council house - i.e. a council flat or house that can be occupied by one household (with the appropriate number of members, including single-person households).

Please note that since more than one housing unit is likely to come under any given postcode, this is unlikely to identify the specific address of each unit. If, despite this, the council insists on applying the data protection exemption against questions 5-8, please provide the name of the road each unit is located on instead.

Universal Credit

9. How many council housing tenant households are there overall?

As at 31.07.2017 there were 14,468 council housing tenants

10. Of the households referred to in response to question 9, how many are currently in arrears on their rent by at least one month?

1634 were in arrears by at least one month on 31.07.2017

11. Of the households referred to in response to question 9, how many are currently in arrears on their rent by at least two months?

813 were in arrears by at least two months on 31.07.2017

12. How many council housing tenant households currently receive Housing Benefit (not Universal Credit)?

The number as at the month ending 30.06.17 was - 8885. (Response provided by Revs & Bens)

13. Of the households referred to in response to question 12, how many are currently in arrears on their rent by at least one month?

707 council housing tenants in receipt of HB were in arrears by at least one month on 31.07.2017

14. Of the households referred to in response to question 12, how many are currently in arrears on their rent by at least two months?

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343 council housing tenants in receipt of HB were in arrears by at least two months on 31.07.2017

15. How many council housing tenant households currently receive the housing costs element of Universal Credit? If the housing costs element can't be identified, please give figures for those in receipt of Universal Credit regardless of the specific elements (please specify if this is the case)

237 council housing tenants were in receipt of Universal Credit (regardless of the specific elements) on 31.07.2017

16. Of the households referred to in response to question 15, how many are currently in arrears on their rent by at least one month?

128 were in arrears by at least one month on 31.07.2017

17. Of the households referred to in response to question 15, how many are currently in arrears on their rent by at least two months?

83 were in arrears by at least two months on 31.07.2017

18. Of the households referred to in response to question 15, how many are currently subject to an Alternative Payment Arrangement?

As at 31.07.2017 there were 39 households in council tenancies subject to an Alternative Payment Arrangement.