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Our ref: 5464028

Thank you for your request received on 8 July 2019, for the following information:

How many visits did the council carry out to properties to inspect the state of housing(either private rented, social housing or council housing) in the following financial years 2016/17, 2017/18, 2018/19 and 2019 to present.

**** From its visits,at how many properties did the council identify a category one hazard under the Housing Health and Safety Rating system in those years?***

**** From its visits, at how many properties did the council identify a category two hazard under the Housing Health and Safety Rating system in those years?***

**** How many improvement notices did the council serve to landlords in those years?***

**** How many times did the council fine landlords for poor housing in those years?***

**** How many times in those years did the council prosecute a landlord in the courts for poor housing conditions?***

If my request is denied in whole or part, I ask that you justify any redactions or blanket refusal by reference to specific exemptions of the act. I will also expect all non-exempt material to be released.

I look forward to your response within 20 working days, as outlined by statute

We have processed this request under the Environmental Information Regulations 2004.

Response

The council holds the information requested and the answers to your questions are below

How many visits did the council carry out to properties to inspect the state of housing(either private rented, social housing or council housing) in the following financial years 2016/17, 2017/18, 2018/19 and 2019 to present.

16/17 = 2413

17/18 = 2713

18/19 = 2473

19/20 = 962 up to 2/8/19

Note: In respect to the private housing sector, the above figures include full inspections; part inspection; revisits; visits/inspections; programmed visits and Housing Inspections. Also includes number of HMO Licence application visits; revisits and licence condition visits. Separate record of tenure is not recorded.

**** From its visits, at how many properties did the council identify a category one hazard under the Housing Health and Safety Rating system in those years?***

16/17 = 403 Cat 1 hazards in 230 properties

17/18 = 320 Cat 1 hazards in 194 properties

18/19 = 355 Cat 1 hazards in 227 properties

19/20 = 58 Cat 1 hazards in 36 properties up to 2/8/19

**** From its visits, at how many properties did the council identify a category two hazard under the Housing Health and Safety Rating system in those years?***

16/17 = 349 Cat 2 hazards in 197 properties

17/18 = 391 Cat 2 hazards in 201 properties

18/19 = 330 Cat 2 hazards in 195 properties

19/20 = 142 Cat 2 hazards in 85 properties up to 2/8/19

Note: The above Cat 2 hazards figures have only been assessed where there has also been a Cat 1 identified, therefore, the final figure would be much greater than this, as when Cat 2's are found on their own they are not recorded separately.

**** How many improvement notices did the council serve to landlords in those years?***

16/17 = 16

17/18 = 3

18/19 = 2

19/20 = 0 up to 2/8/19

**** How many times did the council fine landlords for poor housing in those years?***

No of Fixed Penalty Notices served:

18/19 = 8

19/20 = 8 up to 2/8/19

*** How many times in those years did the council prosecute a landlord in the courts for poor housing conditions?**

16/17 = 10

17/18 = 1

18/19 = 6

19/20 = 1 up to 2/8/19

Further information

If you are interested in the data that the council holds you may wish to visit Open Barnet, the council's data portal. This brings together all our published datasets and other information of interest on one searchable database for anyone, anywhere to access. <http://open.barnet.gov.uk/>

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You must also ensure you comply with the Privacy Electronic and Communications Regulations (PECR). For more information follow this Link www.ico.org.uk

For the avoidance of doubt the provision of council (and other) officer names and contact details under FOI does not give consent to receive direct marketing via any media and expressly does not constitute a 'soft opt-in' under PECR.

Your rights

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If, having exhausted our review procedure, you remain dissatisfied with the handling of your request or complaint, you will have a right to appeal to the Information Commissioner at: The Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF (telephone: 0303 123 1113; website www.ico.org.uk). There is no charge for making an appeal.

