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Dear Sir/Madam

### **Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA)**

**Request ID: FOI617938186**

Thank you for your request for information relating to Social housing waiting lists.

You have requested the following information:

#### **1. What is the waiting list for social housing in your Local Authority for each financial year since 2015/16?**

Following careful consideration, the information you requested falls under the exemption(s) in Section 21 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, which relates to 'information reasonably accessible to the applicant by other means.'

The exemption applies as the information is published by DLUHC here:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/statistical-data-sets/live-tables-on-rents-lettings-and-tenancies>

The DLUHC data goes up to 2022/23. We are due to submit the data for 2023/24 to DLUHC in July. For information, the number on the social housing register for 31st March 2024 (that we will be reporting to DLUHC) was 8,918.

This exemption is not subject to the public interest test.

#### **2. What is the longest time (in days) that someone has been on your social housing waiting list as it stands?**

The longest that a current household has been on the register is 9519 days (registered in 1998).

For additional context, there are 18 households who have been registered for over 10 years, and 81 households who have been registered for over 5 years. Prior to the current Homefinder Policy, which was implemented in September 2021, households could register without having any housing needs, so these timescales may not reflect the amount of time a household has been in housing need.

### **3. What is your net loss or gain of the number of social homes in your Local Authority for each financial year since 2015/16?**

Following careful consideration, the information you requested falls under the exemption(s) in Section 21 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, which relates to 'information reasonably accessible to the applicant by other means. This information is published by DLUHC.

Information about additional affordable homes supply each year can be found here:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/statistical-data-sets/live-tables-on-affordable-housing-supply#open-data>

Information about losses of affordable homes each year can be found here:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/statistical-data-sets/live-tables-on-social-housing-sales>

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Yours faithfully

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