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## Request

Dear Winchester City Council,

I am writing to make a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

For calendar years 2024-2025, and year start 2025 to date, please provide the following aggregate, anonymised information held by your council.

1. The total number of individuals granted refugee status, humanitarian protection, or indefinite leave to remain who were placed in the highest priority band for social housing allocation. Please separate by type (e.g., column 1 refugee status, column 2 humanitarian protection etc.) Where numbers are less than or equal to 5, please express as  $\leq 5$  to protect individual identities, no personal information is requested.
2. Confirmation (yes/no) that all such individuals were assessed against the council's statutory housing need criteria under the Homelessness Reduction Act 2017 (or equivalent legislation) and met those criteria.
3. The total number of council-owned or managed social housing properties allocated to individuals granted refugee status, humanitarian protection, or indefinite leave to remain in the highest priority band during each period. Please separate by type. Where numbers are less than or equal to 5, please express as  $\leq 5$  to protect individual identities, no personal information is requested.
4. The total number of social housing properties (council-owned or managed) allocated to all individuals in the highest priority band during each period. Where numbers are less than or equal to 5, please express as  $\leq 5$  to protect individual identities, no personal information is requested.

## Response

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**Hampshire Home Choice operates a four-band system, with Band 1 representing the highest level of housing need.**

**Based on applications active as of 3 November 2025 –  $\leq 5$**

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