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Request

I am writing to you to request some information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, regarding Energy Performance Certificates (EPCs) and compliance with Minimum Energy Efficiency Standards (MEES) in private-rented housing in your area. More specifically, we would like answers to the following questions:

Private-rented and HMO properties

1. How many properties do you have in total registered as meeting House of Multiple Occupancy (HMO) compliance regulations?
2. How many properties do you have in total registered in your area as being privately rented? This includes both HMO and non-HMO private-rented properties.

MEES Compliance:

1. How many MEES Compliance Notices have you served in the last 12 months?
2. Of these notices served, how many Compliance Notices resulted in a confirmed breach of regulation?
3. How many of these breaches resulted in the issue of a fine?
4. What was the total penalty amount for each confirmed breach?

EPCs:

1. How many properties have registered for an EPC exemption, and where available, what are the reasons for these exemptions?
2. How many rented properties do you have on record with each EPC Grade? To be clear, this is a breakdown for how many properties you have with each EPC Grade, ranging from A-G inclusive.
3. How many HMO properties do you currently have registered as renting without a valid EPC?

Energy Efficiency:

1. Does your local authority offer support for landlords to upgrade their properties to be more energy efficient?
 - a. If yes, what support is available? And what budget does your local authority allocate to this support?
2. Does your local authority offer support for private-rented tenants to upgrade their properties to be more energy efficient?
 - a. If yes, what support is available? And what budget does your local authority allocate to this support?
3. Does your local authority offer support for private-rented tenants to support them to pay high energy bills?
 - a. If yes, what support is available? And what budget does your local authority allocate to this support?

For the above, we are defining 'support' as including both any advisory and financial measures that your authority takes in reference to the people and subject of the questions.

Where data may be available to go alongside a response, please include this. If partial/only some information is available, please still share this information.

Response

Private-rented and HMO properties

- 1) A list of licenced HMOs can be found on the Winchester City Council website [Houses in Multiple Occupation \(HMO\) - Winchester City Council](https://www.winchester.gov.uk/houses-in-multiple-occupation-hmo)
- 2) Winchester City Council does not maintain a register of Private Rented Properties however, in 2023 there were approximately 7,500 homes in the district of Winchester that were privately rented.

MEES Compliance:

- 1) 0.
- 2) N/A.
- 3) N/A.
- 4) N/A.

EPCs:

- 1) Data not held by the council.
- 2) This information is not recorded.
- 3) This information is not recorded.

Energy Efficiency:

- 1) Winchester City Council does not have a budget for energy improvements; however, the council is a part of the Warmer Homes consortium, and therefore landlords of Winchester, can apply for funding via the Warmer Homes: Local Grant scheme. The council has also partnered with the National Energy Foundation to promote and administer ECO4 on the council's behalf. [Making your home more energy efficient - Winchester City Council](https://www.winchester.gov.uk/making-your-home-more-energy-efficient)
- 2) As above.

3) As above.

The Private Sector Housing Team will provide advice to residents when they contact us regarding any efficiency improvements and will investigate any breaches of the Minimum Energy Efficiency Standards when they are reported to the team. The team will also sign post residents to other agencies such as Hitting the Cold Spots or LEAP.

