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Dear Sir/Madam

**Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA)
Request ID: FOI383479408**

Thank you for your request for information relating to private rented sector and enforcement.

You have requested the following information:

This FOI is for the attention of the department that oversees the private rented sector and enforcement.

The Enforcement Index seeks to measure the effectiveness of enforcement activity of each local authority in England. The Index is measured by data collected from housing departments from each local authority and will be an opportunity to benchmark and demonstrate the current landscape of local authority enforcement to raise standards overall.

The information you provide in this FOI will be used to comply this Enforcement Index and used in conjunction with other NRLA campaign work and policy proposals. This includes the better use of data to tackle criminal landlords, standardised enforcement policies so the law is applied fairly and consistently across the country.

1. How many housing units in your local authority do you estimate to be in the PRS?

27,900.

2. Please state the year in which your local authority last carried out a Stock Condition Survey.

2013.

3. How many environmental health officers work for the local authority whose main job is to enforce standards in the private rented sector? (FTEs)

10; Nine currently in post.

4. How much (£) did it cost a landlord to obtain a mandatory HMO licence for a single property occupied by five people in your local authority, within the year 2020? Please exclude any discounts.

The costs are between £1,055.00 and £1,250.00 for one year; £705.00 for two years and £640 for a five-year licence.

5. How many working days did it take for a typical mandatory HMO licence application to be processed and issued, within the year 2020? Please write the typical number of working days from receipt to decision.

On average 254 working days.

6. Is it your local authority's policy to inspect a property before issuing a mandatory HMO licence?

Yes.

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Yours faithfully

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