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Dear Sir/Madam

Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA)

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Thank you for your request for information relating to CIC council registration.

You have requested the following information:

1. Can a CIC (Community Interest Company) apply to become an exempt accommodation status provider directly with the council?

Yes.

2. What is the process to apply?

Where a claim for Housing Benefit in respect of exempt accommodation is received, a questionnaire is sent to the landlord or accommodation provider. This provides us with information required for us to determine whether the landlord meets the eligibility criteria to be classed as a supported exempt accommodation provider. Any additional evidence that is required will be requested from the landlord. If we require additional information in respect of support provided to the residents, then an additional form "Resident Needs Assessment" is sent to the landlord or accommodation provider.

3. Can you provide a link that directs me to that particular process on your website?

The process is not published on the website.

4. How long does the process take?

Timescales are dependent on the information provided on the forms, whether we need to request further information and any follow up work required in order to establish whether the costs submitted are reasonable.

5. Does the CIC have to registered with the regulator of CICs?

Yes.

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Yours faithfully

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