

I have constituents in my constituency of Makerfield who have expressed concerns about housing migrants, asylum seekers, refugees, immigrants etc in their area and I'd like to know the following under the freedom of information act:

1. How many properties are being used to house the above in the following postcodes – WN2, WN3 and WN4.
2. How many people are in those properties in WN2, WN3 and WN4 postcodes?
3. Can I have a breakdown of the people housed in those properties by sex/gender?
4. Can I have a breakdown of the people housed in those properties by approximate age?
5. Can I have a breakdown of the people housed in those properties by Country of Birth?
6. Can I have specific post codes as to where the migrants, asylum seekers, refugees, immigrants, illegal immigrants etc are housed in the Borough? Not addresses, just post codes.
7. What benefits are given to the migrants, asylum seekers, refugees, immigrants, illegal immigrants etc e.g. bus travel, gym memberships, food tokens, money etc.

We are unable to answer question 1 – 6. Wigan council do not provide accommodation or services to asylum seekers or refugees. These services are provided by a contractor named SERCO on behalf of the Home Office. Should you require any information in relation to asylum seekers, refugees or illegal immigrants you would need to contact the Home Office directly.

We do rehouse legal immigrants however the housing application does not specifically ask if a person is an immigrant, therefore we cannot provide this information.

We do not provide any benefits to said persons.