

REQUEST 16057 RESPONSE

I am able to locate a list of HMO in Wigan Borough that have been granted HMO licences but although it provides the dates these licenses run from and expire it doesn't provide dates of inspections made during the 5 year license period.

The HMO Guidance space and amenity standards says they are subject to inspection during this period.

- Can these inspection dates be provided?
- How often are these inspection scheduled to take place during the license period?
- Additionally which department takes ownership of these licenses once granted?

The current policy is to inspect the property as part of the licence application process. An inspection will be arranged prior to a new licence being issued or as part of the licence renewal process. The HMO Licence Register available at Wigan HMO Licence Register details the most recent inspection date. We also aim to inspect HMOs once during the licence period as part of a cyclical inspection process. We would not typically inspect a HMO again during the licence period unless there was a complaint received which was not being adequately resolved by the licence holder. Please note the spreadsheet is not a live document and instead is updated periodically, meaning some recent inspections may not vet be updated. The 'Strategic and Private Sector Housing Department' are responsible for HMO Licensing.