

I am writing to request information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. The main purpose of this request is to gather data on vacant council properties in the United Kingdom.

For clarification, this includes all forms of social housing in the ward of the council, including Housing Association. Specifically, I am seeking information on the following:

Number of vacant homes:

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| 1a. The number of vacant council properties | 466 |
| 1b. The number of vacant Housing Association properties | Unable to answer this questions as Registered Providers manage their own voids and allocations. |

Reasons for vacancy:

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| 2. Breakdown of reasons why said social housing properties are vacant ([E.g. awaiting repairs, legal issues, not meeting the Decent Homes Standard, etc.] | 268 – going through repairs process
120 – going through allocation and relet process
13 – having adaptations
65 – pending demolition or remodelling works |
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Waiting list size:

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| 3. How many residents are currently on the waiting list for social housing | 13,108 |
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Waiting list length:

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| 4a. The average length of the waiting list for a council property | 911 days, however this is not a true representation of the wait for a Council property as Wigan operate a choice based lettings scheme whereby applicants must bid for a property. There are many applicants on the list that are not regularly bidding for properties. Of the 13,108 applicants on the housing register 6,379 applicants have placed a bid in the last 6 months. |
| 4b. The average length of the waiting list for a Housing Association property | Unable to answer this questions as Registered Providers manage their own voids and allocations. |