



## Request

You recently stated there were 900 HMO's in Wigan borough, I would like a ward breakdown on this is how many are in each ward across Wigan borough and how many are housing asylum seekers

## Response

There are currently 206 licensed HMOs within the Borough. We do not maintain a register of HMOs which do not require a licence.

The register of licensed HMOs is available below:

### [Wigan HMO Licence Register](#)

The number of licensed HMOs per ward is listed below. If a ward is not listed, there is no licensed HMO within this ward:

Abram: 5	Ince: 12
Ashton in Makerfield South: 7	Leigh Central and Higher Folds: 32
Aspull New Springs Whelley: 2	Leigh South: 1
Atherton North: 6	Leigh West: 6
Atherton South and Lilford: 4	Pemberton: 5
Bryn With Ashton In Makerfield North: 8	Standish with Langtree: 1
Douglas: 11	Tyldesley And Mosley Common: 11
Golborne and Lowton West: 2	Wigan Central: 39
Hindley: 7	Wigan West: 34
Hindley Green: 11	Worsley Mesnes: 2

We are unable to confirm the number of HMOs within each ward which are being used as asylum accommodation.

This information is exempt from disclosure under Section 38 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Section 38 (1)(b) states that information is exempt if its disclosure under this Act would, or would be likely to, endanger the safety of any individual. To disclose these details, could then put at risk the safety of vulnerable individuals by sharing their address.

As this is a qualified exemption, the Council is required to undertake a public interest test.

The Council acknowledges its obligations of transparency and accountability in all its undertakings. However, in this case, the safeguarding of vulnerable individuals would be put at risk by publishing these details and clearly outweighs the public interest in the transparency of information.