



REQUEST 18683

I would like to request a copy of your current register of licensed Houses in Multiple Occupation (HMOs). Where possible, please provide the data in a structured format such as CSV or Excel, including the following details for each licensed HMO:

- The full address of the licensed HMO property (including postcode)
- The name(s) of the licence holder(s) or owner(s)
- The correspondence address of the licence holder(s), if different from the property address
- The name and contact details of the managing agent, if applicable
- The type of licence (e.g., mandatory, additional, or selective)
- The date the licence was issued
- The expiry date of the licence
- The maximum number of occupants or households permitted under the licence
- The number of rooms or storeys in the property, if recorded

RESPONSE

The HMO licence register is available below and details all HMOs with a mandatory licence, within the Borough: <https://www.wigan.gov.uk/Docs/PDF/Business/Licensing-Permits-Registrations/HMO/Wigan-HMO-Licence-Register.pdf>

We are unable to provide information relating to the licence holder and/or managing agent names and addresses. 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.