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(CCC) Environmental Health Officers

This is a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

For each of the financial years 2017/18, 2018/19, 2019/20, 2020/21, 2021/22, 2022/23 please provide me with the following:

1. The total number of staff employed (directly or indirectly) by the local authority to inspect residential properties for category 1 or 2 hazards.
2. Of (1), the total number who were qualified Environmental Health Officers.
3. The total number of inspections carried out by either (1) or (2) to see whether category 1 or 2 hazards exist in residential properties which are owned by the council or social housing providers, or privately rented. (Please refer to section four of the Housing Act 2004 if in doubt about the nature of the inspections.)
4. The total number of complaints that the local authority has received about hazards or poor conditions in residential properties which are owned by the council or social housing providers, or privately rented.

I would like to receive the information in a spreadsheet. If you feel that a substantive response to this request is not possible within a reasonable time frame, or the request is too broad, I would be grateful if you could contact me by email or telephone (07480728436) and provide assistance as to how I could refine the request.

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1. The total number of staff employed (directly or indirectly) by the local authority to inspect residential properties for category 1 or 2 hazards:

2017/18 = 5.6 FTE

2018/19 = 6.6 FTE

2019/20 = 8.6 FTE

2020/21 = 8.6 FTE

2021/22 = 8.6 FTE

2022/23 = 9.6 FTE

2. Of (1), the total number who were qualified Environmental Health Officers:

2017/18 = 3 FTE

2018/19 = 3 FTE

2019/20 = 3 FTE

2020/21 = 4 FTE

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2021/22 = 4 FTE

2022/23 = 4 FTE

3. The total number of inspections carried out by either (1) or (2) to see whether category 1 or 2 hazards exist in residential properties which are owned by the council or social housing providers, or privately rented. (Please refer to section four of the Housing Act 2004 if in doubt about the nature of the inspections.):

2017/18 = 193

2018/19 = 334

2019/20 = 325

2020/21 = 225

2021/22 = 216

2022/23 = 303

4. The total number of complaints that the local authority has received about hazards or poor conditions in residential properties which are owned by the council or social housing providers, or privately rented.

2017/18 = 313

2018/19 = 239

2019/20 = 232

2020/21 = 180

2021/22 = 284

2022/23 = 283

Further queries on this matter should be directed to foi@cambridge.gov.uk