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Dear [name redacted]

## **Freedom of Information – Request for Information**

With regards to your recent enquiry for information held by the Authority under the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act. Please find the information you requested below with reference in the box to your original enquiry for clarity where multiple answers are required.

### **Details of Your Request**

This query relates to the right to rent provisions set out in the Immigration Acts 2014 and 2016, which are now established in law. These provisions require landlords to carry out immigration checks of tenants, and expose them to a civil penalty fine, or up to five years in prison for non-compliance. In addition they grant powers to landlords to evict tenants, including children, without a court order in certain circumstances. They are currently in force in England, and a further rollout is planned for Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland.

I am writing to enquire whether, in light of the above changes, or (depending on your area) planned changes, you could provide us with answers to the following questions:

1. Do you have a scheme in place regulating or licensing landlords in your area?
2. Have you put in place any internal policies or guidance to assist the following teams, or others, to carry out their work in light of the right to rent scheme?
  - a. Housing team
  - b. Trading Standards team (in relation to letting agents)
  - c. Landlord licensing team (if applicable)Please provide copies of any such policies or guidance.
3. Have you put in place any systems to monitor the impact of the right to rent scheme on:
  - a. Homelessness;
  - b. Discrimination;Please provide copies of any documents, emails, meeting minutes relating to such monitoring efforts.
4. Are you providing training, outreach, or other engagement in respect of the right to rent scheme, for example to landlords, service users, or your staff? Please provide copies of training materials, or other related documents.
5. Are you taking any other action to ensure compliance with your Public Sector Equality Duty in relation to the right to rent scheme? If so, what?

**The response to your request as follows:**

**The Home office is the enforcing authority on the RTR – rather than local or county council- e.g. trading standards**

- 1. We do not have any other scheme in place locally licensing landlords- except for that around mandatory HMO licensing.**
- 2. None**
- 3. None**
- 4. No**
- 5. No**

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Yours Sincerely

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