

REQUEST 16955

Does the council hold any data on immigrants who have been given leave to remain and British Citizenship. If yes:

1. How many of these have been successful in bidding for council properties within the borough within the past 2 years

2. Has there been or is there any planned integration training provided to help these immigrants adapt easily into our society. For example learning our laws and cultural values.

RESPONSE

Housing applications are assessed in accordance with Wigan Council's Allocation policy. There is not a specific question on the application form that determines if a person is an immigrant.

All applicants need to provide documentation showing they are eligible to apply for social housing if they are not a British Citizen and properties will only be allocated to eligible applicants.

Voluntary sessions are provided in terms of culture, expectations and the Law. The offer of these sessions is to those in the Asylum process.

From a housing perspective, we offer support to any tenant requiring help setting up their tenancy.