



REQUEST 17666

1. How many **reports** of unlicensed HMOs were received, how many **investigations** of unlicensed HMOs were conducted, and how many were **identified**. Additionally, if recorded, please also provide the number of those investigations which were conducted jointly with police/law enforcement.

Year	Reports of unlicensed HMOs	All investigations of suspected unlicensed HMOs	Of which investigations conducted with police/law enforcement	Confirmed unlicensed HMOs
2019	<i>Not Recorded</i>	<i>Not Recorded</i>	<i>Not Recorded</i>	<i>Not Recorded</i>
2020	<i>Not Recorded</i>	<i>Not Recorded</i>	<i>Not Recorded</i>	<i>Not Recorded</i>
2021	<i>Not Recorded</i>	<i>Not Recorded</i>	<i>Not Recorded</i>	<i>Not Recorded</i>
2022	<i>Not Recorded</i>	<i>Not Recorded</i>	<i>Not Recorded</i>	<i>Not Recorded</i>
2023	<i>Not Recorded</i>	<i>Not Recorded</i>	<i>Not Recorded</i>	<i>Not Recorded</i>
2024	49	36	0	0

2. Can you provide an estimate as to how many unlicensed HMOs there are in the council area? (I understand this will be an approximate figure and not exact.)

Unable to provide this information.

3. Regarding enforcement action taken against unlicensed HMO landlords, please provide the number of fines/civil penalties, management orders, banning orders, rent repayment orders, and/or criminal prosecutions by year over the period. If it is difficult to access this information, then please limit it to just the number of fines and criminal investigations if more readily available.

Year	Fines/civil penalties	Management orders	Banning orders	Rent repayment orders	Criminal prosecutions
2019	0	0	0	0	0
2020	0	0	0	0	0
2021	0	0	0	0	0
2022	0	0	0	0	0
2023	0	0	0	0	0
2024	2	0	0	0	0

4. Relating to the above number of civil penalties/fines and criminal prosecutions for unlicensed HMOs, what was the financial value of the fines ordered to be paid by year over the period, and if recorded, how many prosecutions resulted in criminal conviction?

Year	Value of fines/civil penalties	Number of successful criminal convictions
2019	0	0
2020	0	0
2021	0	0
2022	0	0
2023	0	0
2024	£33,242 <i>{Both have been appealed and are in court in May 2025}</i>	0

5. How many licensed HMOs are there in your area? Please also break this down by year, providing a snapshot of the number of HMO licenses as of 31st December each year, if this is feasible. Alternatively, please provide the number of current active HMO licenses held, and any historic snapshots that you may hold with relevant dates.

Year	Licensed HMOs
End of 2019	<i>Not Recorded</i>
End of 2020	116
End of 2021	139
End of 2022	172
End of 2023	182
End of 2024	188

6. How many housing condition-related warrants have been executed in general for all types of housing? Please break this down by year and also by whether the warrant was related to overcrowding or breach of housing notices, if accessible

Year	All housing warrants issued	Of which for overcrowding	Of which for breach of housing notices
2019	<i>Not Recorded</i>	<i>Not Recorded</i>	<i>Not Recorded</i>
2020	<i>Not Recorded</i>	<i>Not Recorded</i>	<i>Not Recorded</i>
2021	<i>Not Recorded</i>	<i>Not Recorded</i>	<i>Not Recorded</i>
2022	<i>Not Recorded</i>	<i>Not Recorded</i>	<i>Not Recorded</i>
2023	<i>Not Recorded</i>	<i>Not Recorded</i>	<i>Not Recorded</i>
2024	12	0	12

7. If recorded, please provide the same information on housing warrants for HMOs specifically.

Year	Housing warrants issued for HMOs	Of which for overcrowding	Of which for breach of housing notices
2019	<i>Not Recorded</i>	<i>Not Recorded</i>	<i>Not Recorded</i>
2020	<i>Not Recorded</i>	<i>Not Recorded</i>	<i>Not Recorded</i>
2021	<i>Not Recorded</i>	<i>Not Recorded</i>	<i>Not Recorded</i>
2022	<i>Not Recorded</i>	<i>Not Recorded</i>	<i>Not Recorded</i>
2023	<i>Not Recorded</i>	<i>Not Recorded</i>	<i>Not Recorded</i>
2024	0	0	0