Freedom of Information Request – Response – 28100

HMO Properties Used for Asylum Accommodation in Brandon Suffolk

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, I would like to request recorded information concerning properties in Brandon, Suffolk (postcode area IP27), that are currently being used, or have been used during the past three years, to accommodate asylum seekers. Please provide the following information, insofar as it is held by your organisation:

1. The total number of residential properties in Brandon currently being used to accommodate asylum seekers, including properties operated as Houses in Multiple Occupation (HMOs), shared houses, flats and other dispersed accommodation.
We do not hold this information. Suffolk County Council has no responsibility for housing asylum seekers.

2. The addresses of these properties, where disclosure is lawful, or alternatively the street name or postcode sector if full addresses cannot be disclosed.
3. The number of properties that are licensed HMOs, together with their licence status, maximum permitted occupancy and licence expiry dates, where recorded.
4. The number of asylum seekers currently accommodated in these properties, broken down by property type and, where available, by property.
5. The dates on which these properties first began to be used for asylum accommodation and, where applicable, the dates on which their use ended.
N/A

6. The names of the companies, accommodation providers or contractors responsible for managing or supplying these properties, and details of any relevant contracts held by your organisation.
The Home Office and its subcontractor Serco hold the responsibility for acquiring bedspaces to house asylum seekers.

7. The amount of public money paid for this accommodation, broken down by property or contract where recorded, including the relevant payment period.
8. The number of properties in Brandon that have been subject to planning applications, planning decisions or enforcement action relating to their use as HMOs or asylum accommodation.
Suffolk County Council does not hold this information

9. Any recorded information about the process by which these properties were selected or approved for use as asylum accommodation, including relevant licensing, planning or property-suitability checks.
Suffolk County Council is not responsible for licencing, planning or property-suitability checks.