

Ref: 2020/006 (Extract)

Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002
Subject: Housing Rents, Arrears and Evictions

Request:

I would like the following information:

1. Percentage increases on rent imposed on social tenants by the housing association in each of the last ten years.
2. The total number of housing association tenants in each of the last ten years.
3. The total value of rent arrears accumulated by housing association tenants, as well as the total number of tenants who have entered rent arrears, in each of the last ten years.
4. Details of all evictions carried out on housing association tenants in the last ten years, including the number of evictions carried out and the reasons for the evictions.
5. The number of housing association tenants currently facing evictions, including all active eviction notices.

Response:

The information requested is provided below.

1. Percentage increases on rent applied in each of the last ten years.

Rent Increase applied on:	% Increase	Equal to:
01/04/2011	4.8%	RPI December 2010
01/04/2012	4.5%	RPI November 2011 less 0.7%
01/04/2013	3.0%	RPI November 2012
01/04/2014	2.7%	RPI December 2013
01/04/2015	2.3%	RPI October 2014
01/04/2016	0.7%	RPI October 2015
01/04/2017	2.0%	RPI October 2016
01/04/2018	4.0%	RPI October 2017
01/04/2019	3.3%	RPI October 2018
01/04/2020	2.1%	RPI October 2019

2. The total number of housing association tenants in each of the last ten years.

Total number of tenants (tenancies) on last day of the financial year:	Total no. of Tenancies
30/09/2010	965
30/09/2011	968
30/09/2012	965
30/09/2013	967
30/09/2014	968
30/09/2015	970
30/09/2016	972
30/09/2017	972
30/09/2018	990
30/09/2019	1,023
Current at 30/06/2020	1,016

3. The total value of rent arrears accumulated by housing association tenants, as well as the total number of tenants who have entered rent arrears in the last ten years.

Total rent arrears on last day of the financial year:	*Gross Rent Arrears	No. of Tenants in Rent Arrears at this date
30/09/2010	£187,596.96	792
30/09/2011	£198,902.24	779
30/09/2012	£125,914.66	287
30/09/2013	£184,658.10	720
30/09/2014	£186,213.20	703
30/09/2015	£168,837.32	660
30/09/2016	£96,189.58	240
30/09/2017	£92,716.93	216
30/09/2018	£90,894.92	236
30/09/2019	£102,907.42	285
30/06/2020	£163,059.45	616

*Arrears vary depending on the timing of the receipt of Housing Benefit and Universal Credit Payments.

4. Details of all evictions carried out on housing association tenants in the last ten years, including the number of evictions carried out and the reasons for the evictions.

Financial Year	Reason - Rent Arrears	Reason - Anti-Social Behaviour	Total
2009-2010	5	0	5
2010-2011	2	0	2
2011-2012	1	0	1
2012-2013	1	1	2
2013-2014	3	1	4
2014-2015	0	0	0
2015-2016	0	0	0
2016-2017	0	1	1
2017-2018	2	0	2
2018-2019	1	1	2
2019 (Year to Date)	2	0	2

5. The number of housing association tenants currently facing eviction, including all active eviction notices.

None