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Information requested

Dear ,

Thank you for your request which I received on 24 October 2025. You asked for:

1. The current total number of Houses in Multiple Occupation (HMOs) in Wales, including licensed and unlicensed properties.
2. A breakdown by local authority, including Newport, Cardiff, Swansea, Caerphilly, Bridgend, and other councils with significant HMO concentrations.
3. Any HMOs used for asylum seeker accommodation, and whether these are included in licensing and reporting.
4. Details of plans or measures to manage areas of high HMO concentration and address impacts on residents' safety and community wellbeing.

Our response

- 1. The current total number of Houses in Multiple Occupation (HMOs) in Wales, including licensed and unlicensed properties.**

The latest reported data on the total numbers of HMOs in Wales is available here: [Houses in multiple occupation by local authority area](#). The data is broken down by 'known HMOs in a local authority area' and 'estimate of all HMOs in a local authority area'.

Rydym yn croesawu derbyn gohebiaeth yn Gymraeg. Byddwn yn ateb gohebiaeth a dderbynnir yn Gymraeg yn Gymraeg ac ni fydd gohebu yn Gymraeg yn arwain at oedi.

We welcome receiving correspondence in Welsh. Any correspondence received in Welsh will be answered in Welsh and corresponding in Welsh will not lead to a delay in responding.

2. A breakdown by local authority, including Newport, Cardiff, Swansea, Caerphilly, Bridgend, and other councils with significant HMO concentrations.

The latest reported breakdown of HMOs by local authority area is also available here: [Houses in multiple occupation by local authority area](#).

3. Any HMOs used for asylum seeker accommodation, and whether these are included in licensing and reporting.

This data is not collected by the Welsh Government.

Whilst the UK Government is responsible for the provision of accommodation for asylum seekers, such accommodation is subject to the same requirements of HMO licensing and reporting.

4. Details of plans or measures to manage areas of high HMO concentration and address impacts on residents' safety and community wellbeing.

The licencing and management of HMO numbers in specific areas is a matter for local authorities.

Local authorities can set limits on the numbers of HMOs in local areas, and can require planning permission for new HMOs, to enable consideration of the impact on the local community. Each local authority is required to produce a Local Development Plan (LDP) which should set out their policy in terms of HMOs. LDPs must be published on their website.

Next steps

If you are dissatisfied with the Welsh Government's handling of your request, you can ask for an internal review within 40 working days of the date of this response. Requests for an internal review should be addressed to the Welsh Government's Freedom of Information Officer at:

Information Rights Unit,
Welsh Government,
Cathays Park,
Cardiff,
CF10 3NQ

or Email: Freedom.ofinformation@gov.wales

Please remember to quote the ATISN reference number above.

You also have the right to complain to the Information Commissioner. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at: Information Commissioner's Office,
Wycliffe House,
Water Lane,
Wilmslow,
Cheshire,
SK9 5AF.

However, please note that the Commissioner will not normally investigate a complaint until it has been through our own internal review process.

Yours sincerely