

East Lothian Council
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East Lothian Council (ELC) believes that this information request may be based on English legislation, rather than Scottish legislation. Colleagues have, however, addressed the questions posed to the best of their knowledge.

1. How many complaints about private landlords has your local authority received in the following financial years: 2012/13, 2013/14, 2014/15, 2015/16, 2016/17. (Please separate by financial year)

Number of complaints	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	Total - all years
2012/13					

ELC does not record this information. Such complaints are dealt with "as and when" they are received. In view of this, under Section 11(3)(b) of the Act, I must formally advise you that ELC has been unable to comply with your request as the information you require is not held.

2. Please categorise these complaints as per the Housing Health and Safety Rating System. (If a complaint fell into more than one category, could you please list it under the primary complaint category only)

	Damp and mould	Excessive cold	Excessive heat	Asbestos and Biocides	Carbon Monoxide and fuel combustion products	Lead	Radiation	Uncombusted fuel gas	Volatiles organic compounds	Crowding and space	Entry by intruders	Lighting	Noise	Domestic hot Water safety	Personal hot Water supply	Falls associa	Falls on the / Falls associa	Falls between	Electrical hazard	Fire	Flames Collision and em	Explosions	Ergonomics	Structural collapse and falling elements	
2012/13																									
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Total - all years																									

As explained at Q1 above, ELC does not keep a record of these types of complaints. In view of this, under Section 11(3)(b) of the Act, I must formally advise you that ELC has been unable to comply with your request as the information you require is not held.

3. How many successful prosecutions of private landlords/ private housing company 2012/13, 2013/14, 2014/15, 2015/16, 2016/17. Total - all years

Number of successful prosecutions	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	Total - all years
2012/13						

These have been no prosecutions in East Lothian, however, in Scotland prosecutions would be carried out by the Procurator Fiscal and not Local Authorities.

4a. Please state the reason why each of the above prosecutions were initiated (for example, ignoring a particular improvement notice).

4b. Please state what the penalty was for each successful prosecution (for example: 2012/13, 2013/14, 2014/15, 2015/16, 2016/17)

4c. Reason for prosecution

4d. Penalty for private landlord

Not applicable