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I write further to your email dated 06 December 2019.

Your request has been dealt with under the terms of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, explained on our freedom of information page.

Your request:

I have a few questions about HMO properties:

- 1. Is North West Leicestershire District an Article 4 area relating to HMOs (changing of use from c3 to c4)?
- 2. Do HMO properties require mandatory acoustic insulation and the passing of a sound test?
- 3. Are there plans for a single VOA (council tax) banding for HMO properties?
- 4. Is there any extra costs for every additional rooms, e.g. if the number of rooms goes above 5?
- 5. How much does it cost to **renew** a license?
- 6. What is the population of North West Leicestershire District?

Our response:

- 1. No.
- 2. No.
- 3. As it stands, HMOs have one banding only for the whole dwelling individual 'rooms' are not banded separately.
- 4. No.
- 5. £670.00 in total.
- 6. Information not held. You may find the information you require at the office of National statistics: https://www.ons.gov.uk/search?q=Local+authority+populations

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