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I write further to your email dated 16 March 2021.

Your request has been dealt with under the terms of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA), explained on our [freedom of information](#) page.

Your request:

1. Does the council currently use the services of an external tracing agent, research firm or genealogists to assist with finding owners of empty or presumed empty, privately owned residential property?

The council does not use the services of an external tracing agent, research firm or genealogist to assist with finding owners of empty residential property.

2. If so, which firm(s) has the council worked with?

None.

3. Please provide the name, email address and direct telephone number of the officer or team that manages or monitors private residential empty homes matters.

Elizabeth White, Empty Homes Officer, 01530 454864.

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Yours sincerely

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