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Title General Enforcement in PRS

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Information Request

This FOI is for the attention of the private rented sector housing team that deals with enforcement in the private rented sector.

General Enforcement in the PRS

The following questions are related to enforcement activities against the private rented sector (PRS) in the local authority.

Please provide the answer to each question for 2018/19, 2019/20, 2020/21.

1. The number of complaints received per year by tenants relating to private rented sector housing.
2. The number of complaints received per year by tenants relating to social housing
3. The number of Housing, Health and Safety Rating System (HHSRS) inspections carried out per year
4. The total number of formal enforcement notices served: Hazard Awareness Notices served on private rented sector (PRS) properties.
5. How many improvement notices have been served in relation to Category 1 and/or Category 2 hazards on PRS properties. If possible, please list the total number of Improvement Notices served exclusively because of category 1 hazards.
6. The total number of formal enforcement notices served: Overcrowding Notice (Housing Act 2004 Part 2) on properties in the PRS.
7. The total number of formal enforcement notices served: Prohibition Orders served on PRS properties
8. The total number of formal enforcement notices served: Emergency Remedial Action on PRS properties
9. The total number of prosecutions (excluding Civil Penalties) **commenced** on the above formal notices for each year.

Response by Lewes District Council

	18/19	19/20	20/21
<i>The number of complaints received per year by tenants relating to private rented sector housing.</i>	76	99	70
<i>The number of complaints received per year by tenants relating to social housing</i>	57	47	42
<i>The number of Housing, Health and Safety Rating System (HHSRS) inspections carried out per year</i>	16	13	2
<i>The total number of formal enforcement notices served: Hazard Awareness Notices served on private rented sector (PRS) properties.</i>	0	1	1
<i>How many improvement notices have been served in relation to Category 1 and/or Category 2 hazards on PRS properties. If possible, please list the total number of Improvement Notices served exclusively because of category 1 hazards.</i>	6	8	1
<i>The total number of formal enforcement notices served: Overcrowding Notice (Housing Act 2004 Part 2) on properties in the PRS.</i>	0	0	0
<i>The total number of formal enforcement notices served: Prohibition Orders served on PRS properties</i>	0	1	0
<i>The total number of formal enforcement notices served: Emergency Remedial Action on PRS properties</i>	0	0	0
<i>The total number of prosecutions (excluding Civil Penalties) commenced on the above formal notices for each year.</i>	0	0	0