

Berneslai Homes - Freedom of Information 2025-2026: Assets

743	09/06/2025	<p>• How many heat pumps have been installed by the council in council owned social housing?</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="298 213 913 651"> <thead> <tr> <th data-bbox="298 213 500 325">Financial Year</th><th data-bbox="500 213 913 325">Number of heat pump installations in council owned social housing</th></tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td data-bbox="298 370 500 415">2021/22</td><td data-bbox="500 370 913 415">0</td></tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="298 437 500 482">2022/23</td><td data-bbox="500 437 913 482">7</td></tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="298 505 500 550">2023/24</td><td data-bbox="500 505 913 550">27</td></tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="298 572 500 617">2024/2025</td><td data-bbox="500 572 913 617">14</td></tr> </tbody> </table> <p>N.B. please be advised these totals are newly installed Air Source Heat Pumps only, and any replacements to heat pumps in situ are not included in the provided totals.</p>	Financial Year	Number of heat pump installations in council owned social housing	2021/22	0	2022/23	7	2023/24	27	2024/2025	14
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754	16/07/2025	<p>1. The current total number of properties that comprise your housing stock (i.e. total of houses, bungalows, flats, maisonettes) please state a total figure</p> <p>As of 31st March 2025 Berneslai Homes managed 17904 properties which comprised of Barnsley Council's housing stock.</p> <p>2. The qty of new build homes acquired with pre-existing adaptations / related attributes (e.g. level threshold entry and exit, RSJ's installed for future ceiling track hoist systems, suitable manoeuvring / turning area for wheelchair users, amongst other considerations) in the following years: 2022 2023 2024 2025 to date</p> <p>Berneslai Homes do not actively record this information and have limited data when new properties are acquired by Barnsley Council, as we have only partial stock condition surveys from Barnsley Council. From 01/04/2022 Berneslai Homes have 37 acquired new builds and we can only confirm 11 of these assets had pre-existing adaptations.</p> <p>3. The qty of existing homes (i.e. not new build) with adaptations related attributes (e.g. LAS (Level Access Shower), Stairlift amongst others) in the following years: 2022 2023 2024 2025 to date</p> <p>Berneslai Homes are unable to answer this question as we do not hold 100% stock data for existing adaptations in our housing stock.</p> <p>4. The qty of adaptations works installed in properties forming part of your stock in the following years: 2022 2023 2024 2025 to date</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="298 1829 809 2063"> <thead> <tr> <th data-bbox="298 1829 500 1941">Year</th><th data-bbox="500 1829 809 1941">Number of adaptation works*</th></tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td data-bbox="298 1964 500 2009">2022</td><td data-bbox="500 1964 809 2009">478</td></tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="298 2009 500 2054">2023</td><td data-bbox="500 2009 809 2054">461</td></tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="298 2054 500 2099">2024</td><td data-bbox="500 2054 809 2099">750</td></tr> </tbody> </table>	Year	Number of adaptation works*	2022	478	2023	461	2024	750		
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*N.B. the provided data accounts for all jobs closed on our repairs system.

5. What could or should be put in place to ensure that more social housing properties have pre-existing adaptations / related attributes?

A Freedom of Information request is a request for data held on our systems. As this is an opinion Berneslai Homes cannot respond under FOI.

780	12/09/2025	<p>Please provide total gross spend (incl. VAT) by Berneslai Homes with:</p> <p>A.) THE BARNESLEY CHRONICLE LIMITED (No. 00029043)</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Financial Year</th><th>Total gross spend (incl. VAT) (£)</th></tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>2020/21</td><td>0</td></tr> <tr> <td>2021/22</td><td>3,360</td></tr> <tr> <td>2023/24</td><td>3,894</td></tr> <tr> <td>2024/25</td><td>4,080</td></tr> <tr> <td>Total</td><td>15,034</td></tr> </tbody> </table> <p>B.) ACREDULA GROUP LIMITED (No. 01608885)</p> <p>Berneslai Homes had no spend with Acredula Group between FY2020/21-FY2024/25</p> <p>Any contracts/rate-cards used, Number of public/statutory notices placed each year (if any), and Confirmation if any payments were <£500</p> <p>Berneslai Homes do not have any contracts with Barnsley Chronicle, or Acredula Group. The value of expenditure with Barnsley Chronicle does not warrant a contract and therefore we are using commercially available rates at the time of purchase.</p> <p>Please be advised 5 of the payments made to Barnsley Chronicle between FY2020/21– FY2024/25 were above £500.</p>	Financial Year	Total gross spend (incl. VAT) (£)	2020/21	0	2021/22	3,360	2023/24	3,894	2024/25	4,080	Total	15,034
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783	19/09/2025	<p>1. Please provide a copy of Berneslai Homes' fleet policy or equivalent policy document that sets out rules for the use of company/works vehicles.</p> <p>Please find attached a copy of Berneslai Homes' internal Vehicle Use Policy.</p> <p>2. Please confirm whether Berneslai Homes staff and/or managers are authorised to use works vehicles for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Home-to-work and work-to-home commuting. • Private or personal use. <p>Please refer to the policy attached. Work vehicles are not permitted to be used from home to a fixed place of work, such as an office location. The vehicles are used by craft operatives who travel throughout the borough carrying out their daily workload, which is not classed as a fixed place of work for a commute.</p> <p>3. If commuting in works vehicles is permitted, please provide:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The number of staff currently authorised to do so. • The staff grades/roles for which this permission applies.
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	<p>Please refer to the attached policy, work vehicles are not permitted for use commuting to fixed locations.</p> <p>Any employee of Berneslai Homes' Property Services Repairs Team would be permitted to use one of our vehicles provided a driving licence check had been carried out and verified and that the purpose of the use was a legitimate business need.</p> <p>4. Please confirm whether staff using works vehicles for commuting are required to contribute towards fuel costs or declare the use as a taxable benefit-in-kind under HMRC rules.</p> <p>Personal or private use of the vehicles is prohibited which is highlighted in the policy attached. As such, all vehicles fall under the benefit in kind tax relief bracket.</p> <p>5. Please provide the total annual cost to Berneslai Homes of fuel and maintenance for works vehicles used by staff for commuting purposes (for the last three financial years).</p> <p>Work vehicles are not permitted for use of commuting to fixed locations, therefor there are no fuel or maintenance costs attributed to this.</p>
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