

Our ref – SC2579

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Renters United Organiser

By email - fyi-request-13813-86536f57@requests.fyi.org.nz

Dear Sir

I refer to your official information request received on 15 September seeking information about how the Council is using its rights under the Public Health Act to inspect rental housing properties. I can advise as follows:

1. In the past five years, how many times has the Council used their rights under the Public Health Act to inspect rental housing properties?

None

2. In the past five years, how many times has the Council exercised its powers to issue a repair or closure notice to landlords whose properties do not meet the Housing Improvement Regulations?

None

3. How do you identify which rental housing properties to inspect under the Public Health Act?

None

4. What is the process for tenants to request the Council inspect their rental housing property under the Public Health Act and provide a written report on its condition?

We have no formal process, but would act upon any request from a tenant to inspect a property in the event it was purported to be unsafe or unsanitary.

5. What information is available on your website or in your publications on rental housing inspections provided by the Council?

Not applicable.

6. What is your process for engaging with the Tenancy Tribunal to provide reports on the rental housing inspections you conduct?

Nothing formal.

I trust the foregoing satisfies your request.

Yours faithfully



Stephen Parry
Chief Executive