



## Freedom of Information Request FOI1924

### Request:

Information requested:

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With this in mind, please provide the following information:

1. The number of high rise buildings so far identified in your local authority area (please indicate whether this is a final number, or if the data is still being gathered)
2. The number of the buildings from (1) where the materials used in the external wall cannot be, or has not yet been, identified
3. The number of the buildings from (1) where aluminium composite material (ACM) has been identified on the building (whether as part of a cladding system or otherwise)
4. The number of the buildings from (1) where high pressure laminate material has been identified on the building (whether as part of a cladding system or otherwise)
5. The number of the buildings from (1) where timber cladding has been identified on the building (whether as part of a cladding system or otherwise)
6. The number of the buildings from (1) where combustible insulation, including but not limited to polystyrene, polyisocyanurate and phenolic foam has been identified on the building (whether as part of a cladding system or otherwise)

Submitted on 05/11/19.

### Response:

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1. The number of high rise buildings so far identified in your local authority area (please indicate whether this is a final number, or if the data is still being gathered)
  - **North Tyneside Council does not own any high rise buildings over 18m. 6 privately owned high rise buildings have been identified in the Local Authority area that are required to be reported on by the Council in the data gathering request on high-rise buildings by the Ministry for Housing, Communities and Local Government. This is a final number. This exercise has not yet been completed so there is currently no data held to answer the subsequent questions. North Tyneside Council is in the process of organising a survey of the 6 high-rise buildings by a qualified surveyor to ascertain what materials make up the external walls of the buildings. At this time the materials used in the external walls of the 6 high-rise buildings has not yet been identified.**
2. The number of the buildings from (1) where the materials used in the external wall cannot be, or has not yet been, identified

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