

CITY OF  
WOLVERHAMPTON  
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## Response to Request for Information

Reference      FOI 000211  
Date            15 June 2016

### *Spare Room Subsidy*

**Request:**

How many households on housing benefit have been allocated to a social property (including housing association and council-owned) by your council where they will under-occupy (the property has too many bedrooms for their needs) and therefore be subject to the government's 'removal of the spare room subsidy'?

In:

April 2012-March 2013  
April 2013- March 2014  
April 2014-March 2015  
and April 2015- March 2016

How many households overall (including those on housing benefit and those not on housing benefit) have been allocated to a social property by your council that is too large for their needs and where they will under-occupy?

In:

April 2012-March 2013  
  
April 2013- March 2014  
  
April 2014-March 2015  
  
and April 2015-March 2016

In respect of your above questions, it has been established after careful consideration that the Council does not hold the above information. Consequently, we are unable to provide any information relating to the above, and are informing you as required by Section 1(1) (a) of the Act, that states:

"Any person making a request for information to a public authority is entitled to be informed in writing by the public authority whether it holds information of the description specified in the request".

[NOT PROTECTIVELY MARKED]

I can advise you that this information would be held by Wolverhampton Homes. I have included their postal and e-mail address details below for your convenience.

What arrangements are made for households that are allocated to properties in which they will under occupy and be subject to the removal of the spare room subsidy?

Do they get automatic Discretionary Housing Payment if they are allocated to an oversized home by their local authority?

There is no automatic entitlement to a Discretionary Housing Payment (DHP) for anyone. All requests made are considered under our DHP policy.

Please note that Wolverhampton Homes may have more information to add in this respect about any assistance that they provide. If you wish to make a request to them, please see link below:

The Freedom of Information Officer  
Wolverhampton Homes  
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