

## Response to Request for Information

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### ***New Benefit Cap***

#### **Request:**

Please can you tell me if the council has done any work looking at how many tenants or benefit recipients are now affected by the new benefit cap introduced on 7 November?

If so, please tell me:

- How many tenants or benefit recipients are now affected  
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- How many tenants or benefit recipients were affected under the first benefit cap  
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- How many of these tenants are in rent arrears?

In respect of your above question, 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".

However, Wolverhampton Homes may hold this information in respect of some of the tenants affected. You can contact them on [FOI@wolverhamptonhomes.org.uk](mailto:FOI@wolverhamptonhomes.org.uk)

- What size home tenants affected by the new benefit cap occupy? i.e. 1 bed, 2 bed  
3 bedrooms = 72 tenants  
4 bedrooms = 22 tenants  
5 bedrooms = 1 tenant  
6 bedrooms = 1 tenant
- How much money has been spent by the council to support people affected by the new benefit cap i.e. helping to manage money, set up training or

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employment opportunities

The council has committed £21,000 towards providing support specifically targeted at private tenants.