

Response to Request for Information

Reference FOI 001357
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Disability Facility Grants

Request:

- 1) Please state the number of applications for Disabled Facility Grants received by your local authority?

Please provide information for the following financial years:

- a) 2012/13
- b) 2013/14
- c) 2014/15
- d) 2015/16
- e) 2016/17 to 25th July 2017

Year	No of DFG applications*
2012/2013	No data - change in IT system
2013/2014	89 (partial year data only – change in IT system)
2014/2015	189
2015/2016	126
2016/2017	117
2017/2018 (to 25/7/17)	40

*Defined as formal applications for a DFG . Please note, Wolverhampton has a discretionary grant scheme which may be used to fund mandatory works as an alternative to the formal DFG application.

- 2) Of these applications received, please state the number of Disabled Facility Grants that were:
- a) Approved
 - b) Rejected
- By your local authority.

Please provide information for the following financial years:

- a) 2012/13
- b) 2013/14
- c) 2014/15
- d) 2015/16
- e) 2016/17 to 25th July 2017

Year	Approved	Rejected
2012/2013	No data – change in IT system	
2013/2014	89 (partial year data)	0
2014/2015	189	0
2015/2016	125	1
2016/2017	117	0
2017/2018 (to 25/7/17)	32	2

- 3) For applications rejected, please state the number of these rejections that were overturned at appeal and approved.

Please provide information for the following financial years:

- a) 2012/13
- b) 2013/14
- c) 2014/15
- d) 2015/16
- e) 2016/17 to 25th July 2017

None of these rejections have been overturned.

- 4) Please state the average waiting period for an applicant to receive a decision about their application for a Disabled Facility Grant.

Please provide information for the following financial years:

- a) 2012/13
- b) 2013/14
- c) 2014/15
- d) 2015/16
- e) 2016/17 to 25th July 2017.

Year	Average waiting period from receipt of application to approval of DFG
2012/2013	No data – change in IT system
2013/2014	8 weeks (partial year data)
2014/2015	6 weeks
2015/2016	3.5 weeks
2016/2017	4.5 weeks
2017/2018 (to 25/7/17)	4 weeks

- 5) Please state the average waiting periods for an applicant to receive their first payment after a decision has been made to approve their application for a Disabled Facility Grant.

Please provide information for the following financial years:

- a) 2012/13
- b) 2013/14
- c) 2014/15
- d) 2015/16
- e) 2016/17 to 25th July 2017

Year	Time from approval of grant to first payment
2012/2013	No data – change in IT system
2013/2014	14.5 weeks (partial year data)
2014/2015	16 weeks
2015/2016	17 weeks
2016/2017	16.5 weeks
2017/2018 (to 25/7/170)	14.7 weeks

- 6) Please state the mean average total Disabled Facility Grant paid by your local authority to applicants.

Please provide information for the following financial years:

- a) 2012/13
- b) 2013/14
- c) 2014/15
- d) 2015/16
- e) 2016/17 to 25th July 2017.

Year	Mean average DFG £
2012/2013	No data – change in IT system
2013/2014	7,917 (partial year data)
2014/2015	8,761
2015/2016	8,287
2016/2017	7,755
2017/2018 (to 25/7/17)	7,186