

CITY OF
WOLVERHAMPTON
COUNCIL

Response to Request for Information

Reference FOI 002945
Date 6 November 2018

Universal Credit

Request:

Under the Freedom of Information Act (2000), I request the following information:
Please could you provide me with the following information:

- 1) The number of households who presented themselves to the council as homeless while claiming Universal Credit in
 - a.2015
 - b.2016
 - c.2017
 - d.2018

In respect of question 1, 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".

- 2) If known, how many of the people in the answer to 1) were previously
 - i. housing association tenants
 - ii. private tenants
 - iii. local authority tenants

With reference to question 2, please see our reply to question 1.
- 3) If the council has housing stock, how many of its tenants evicted since November 2015 were in receipt of Universal Credit at the time they were evicted

With reference to question 3, please see our reply to question 1.
- 4) If the council has housing stock, how many of its tenants are claiming Universal Credit as of 06/11/18

2,435

- 5) How many of the claimants in the answer to 4) are currently subject to UC debt deductions
[With reference to question 5, please see our reply to question 1.](#)
- 6) How many of the claimants in the answer to 4) are known to be in rent arrears
1,632
- 7) If known, the number of households who are not local authority tenants who have been evicted since November 2015 while claiming Universal Credit by
 i. housing associations
 ii. private landlords
[With reference to question 7, please see our reply to question 1.](#)
- 8) The amount of Discretionary Housing Payment provided for working age Universal Credit claimants as a proportion of the council's total DHP spending in
 i. 2015/16
 ii. 2016/17
 iii. 2017/18
 iv. 2018/19

	2018/19 (figures are at 22/11/18)	2017/18	2016/17	2015/16
Total Discretionary Housing Payments expenditure	£752,174	£1,056,832	£794,276	£684,733
Discretionary Housing Payments to households receiving Universal Credit	£90,237	£28,624	£7,719	£0
	12%	2.7%	1%	0%