

Response to Request for Information

Reference FOI 021626
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Discretionary Housing Payments

Request:

1. The number of Discretionary Housing Payment (DHP) applications in 2014/15 made by household type:

- Household type broken down by: Single, single parent, couple parent, pensioner and other household types; if this isn't possible, then by: Single parent and other household types

		Total
Single parent	applications	293
Other households	applications	1762

2. The number of DHP awards in 2014/15 by both household type and welfare reforms for which DHPs were awarded (cross-tabulation):

- Household type broken down as per categories in (1)
- Welfare reforms broken down as per DHP monitoring returns (Benefit cap, removal of the spare room subsidy, local housing allowance reforms, combination of welfare reforms, award not for welfare reforms)
- If it is not possible to break down awards by both household type and welfare reform, please provide the number of awards by household type only

	Single parent Count of Claims	Other households Count of Claims
Benefit Cap	8	12
LHA REFORM	21	122
Removal of spare room subsidy	157	1282
Not Welfare reform	7	86
Total	193	1502

Please note that the number of awards does not equal the number of applications as some applications were refused

3. The amount spent on DHP awards in 2014/15 by both household type and welfare reforms for which DHPs were awarded (cross-tabulation):

- Household type and welfare reforms broken down as per categories in (2)
- If it is not possible to break down awards by both household type and welfare reform, please provide the amount of awards by household type only

	Single parent value of awards	Other household value of awards
Benefit Cap	£4,671.52	£3,354.54
LHA REFORM	£8,383.02	£61,645.67
Removal of spare room subsidy	£59,676.18	£618,972.17
Not Welfare reform	£2,556.03	£44,816.81
Total	£75,286.75	£728,789.19

4. The number of DHP awards in 2014/15 by both household type and the purpose of DHPs (cross-tabulation):

- Household type broken down as per categories in (1)
- Purpose of DHPs broken down as per DHP monitoring returns:
 - To help secure and move to alternative accommodation
 - To help with short-term rental costs while the claimant secures and moves to alternative accommodation
 - To help with short-term rental costs while the claimant seeks employment
 - To help with ongoing rental costs for disabled person in adapted accommodation
 - To help with ongoing rental costs for a foster carer
 - To help with ongoing rental costs for any other reason

	Single parents				Other households			
	Benefit Cap	LHA REFORM	Removal of spare room subsidy	Not Welfare reform	Benefit Cap	LHA REFORM	Removal of spare room subsidy	Not Welfare reform
To help secure and move to alternative accommodation		4	9			8	39	32
To help with on-going rental costs for any other reason	5	6	96	7	10	67	913	42

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To help with short-term rental costs while the claimant secures and moves to alternative accommodation	2	10	43	1	1	37	270	10
To help with on-going rental costs for disabled person in adapted accommodation		1	6			1	32	1
To help with short-term rental costs while the claimant seeks employment			3		1	9	28	1
Total	7	21	157	8	12	122	1282	86

5. The amount spent on DHP awards in 2014/15 by both household type and the purpose of DHPs (cross-tabulation):

- Household type and purpose of DHPs broken down as per the categories in (4)

	Single parents				Other households			
	Benefit Cap	LHA REFORM	Removal of spare room subsidy	Not Welfare reform	Benefit Cap	LHA REFORM	Removal of spare room subsidy	Not Welfare reform
To help secure and move to alternative accommodation		£1,095.16	£2,393.71			£6,580.41	£6,321.31	£20,177.89
To help with on-going rental costs for any other reason	£2,139.19	£1,960.80	£40,196.43	£2,021.65	£1,005.71	£30,479.37	£489,985.87	£17,995.99
To help with short-term rental costs while the claimant secures and moves to alternative accommodation	£2,532.33	£4,447.21	£13,104.00	£534.38	£1,928.70	£20,041.33	£96,464.05	£6,124.97

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To help with on-going rental costs for disabled person in adapted accommodation		£879.85	£3,341.48			£2,154.13	£17,474.64	£150.07
To help with short-term rental costs while the claimant seeks employment			£640.56		£420.13	£2,390.43	£8,726.30	£367.89
Total	£4,671.52	£8,383.02	£59,676.18	£2,556.03	£3,354.54	£61,645.67	£618,972.17	£44,816.81