

Response to Request for Information

Reference FOI 031660
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Local Welfare Assistance Provision Scheme

Request:

I am seeking information about the local welfare assistance provision scheme that your council has for local people when they are in financial hardship.

- 1) Could you send me details of:
 - all assistance that people can access through your council's local welfare assistance scheme (ie if people receive cash, or if they are provided directly with pre-paid cards, or white goods and furniture, etc)
<http://www.wolverhampton.gov.uk/article/5512/Local-Welfare-Assistance>
 - Eligibility criteria (or links to eligibility criteria and the means for application)
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 - limits to the number of times that people can apply to the scheme(s)
No limits.
 - If people must be formally referred to apply to local welfare assistance (for example, by GPs, Jobcentre plus, the probation service, etc)
N/A
 - Whether or not everyone who meets eligibility criteria gets assistance/how the authority prioritises applicants if not.
All those meeting eligibility criteria of scheme and credit union lending.
 - Links to information on how people can apply
<http://www.wolverhampton.gov.uk/article/5512/Local-Welfare-Assistance>
- 2) Does your council plan to stop or scale back local welfare provision in the 2016-2017 year?
No.
- 3) If your council does plan to cut or stop provision, can you let me know if there are any alternate local services that people can approach for help with sourcing items like furniture and white goods?
N/A

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