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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST 1252

I write further to your email dated 14 August 2020.

Your request has been dealt with under the terms of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA), explained on our [freedom of information](#) page.

Your request:

For all of the following, we would like to request data for the year 2019/20. Please complete all of the fields possible.

A All applicants

DHP applications and awards

The total discretionary housing payment (DHP) budget available to your local authority for the 2019/20 year [please include, and specify, any additional top up funds granted].

£56,732

The amount spent or committed on DHPs at the end of the year 2019/20.

£67,610

The number of applications for DHP received by your local authority in the year 2019/20.

215

The number of applications refused.

46

Length of time of award

The average length of time a DHP was given for in 2019/20.

26 weeks

The number of DHPs given for the different time periods listed:

- | | |
|---|------------|
| a. Less than 4 weeks (including one-off payments) | <i>22</i> |
| b. 4 weeks to 12 weeks | <i>13</i> |
| c. Between 12 weeks and 26 weeks | <i>128</i> |
| d. Between 26 weeks and 52 weeks | <i>4</i> |
| e. More than 52 weeks | <i>2</i> |

Repeat applicants (if recorded)

The number of applications received where the applicant had previously received a DHP from your authority.

Information not held.

The number of applications refused where the applicant had previously received a DHP from your authority.

Information not held.

B Applicants affected by low local housing allowance levels

The Local Authority monitoring returns on DHP asks local authorities to categorise DHP spend according to which welfare reforms the DHP was awarded. For the following questions, we are interested in DHP applications and awards made by people affected by Local Housing Allowance (LHA) reforms.

DHP applications and awards

The number of applications received where the reason the applicant was in need of support was that they were impacted by low LHA levels.

17

The number of these applications refused.

6

The average length of time a DHP award was given for in 2019/20, for households affected by low LHA levels.

26 weeks

The number of awards made for households affected by low LHA levels for the following reasons.

- To help with on-going rental costs for disabled person in adapted accommodation.

0

- To help with on-going rental costs for a foster carer.

0

- To help with on-going rental costs for any other reason.

11

The average length of time these DHPs were given for.

26 weeks

The number of these DHPs given for the different time periods listed:

- | | |
|---|----------|
| a. Less than 4 weeks (including one-off payments) | <i>0</i> |
| b. 4 weeks to 12 weeks | <i>1</i> |
| c. Between 12 weeks and 26 weeks | <i>9</i> |
| d. Between 26 weeks and 52 weeks | <i>1</i> |
| e. More than 52 weeks | <i>0</i> |

C Applicants affected by the household benefit cap

DHP applications and awards

The number of applications received where the reason the applicant was in need of support was that they were impacted by the household benefit cap.

7

The number of these applications refused.

0

The average length of time a DHP award was given for in 2019/20, for households affected by the benefit cap.

26 weeks

The number of awards made for households affected by the benefit cap for the following reasons:

- To help with on-going rental costs for disabled person in adapted accommodation.
0
- To help with on-going rental costs for a foster carer.
0
- To help with on-going rental costs for any other reason.
7
- The average length of time these DHPs were given for.
26 weeks

The number of these DHPs given for the different time periods listed.

- | | |
|---|---|
| a. Less than 4 weeks (including one-off payments) | 0 |
| b. 4 weeks to 12 weeks | 1 |
| c. Between 12 weeks and 26 weeks | 6 |
| d. Between 26 weeks and 52 weeks | 0 |
| e. More than 52 weeks | 0 |

D Discretionary Housing Payment's allocation policy

Your most recent Discretionary Housing Payments policy document, setting out the procedures in place for determining DHP awards.

Please see document 1252a.pdf attached.

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If you remain dissatisfied following the conclusion of the internal review, you have the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at accessicoinformation@ico.org.uk.

Yours sincerely

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