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## FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST 1435

I write further to your email dated 06 January 2021.

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:

As of 6th January 2021:

1. How many self-isolation payments have been made?
2. How many of these were discretionary?
3. How many applications have been received for the main payment and for the discretionary payment?
4. What eligibility criteria has been used for the discretionary payment?
5. How much funding was given for the main payment and how much has been used so far?
6. How much funding was given or the discretionary payment and how much has been used so far?
7. How many of those who have received a self-isolation payment were
  - in work?
  - receiving benefits?
  - had no recourse to public funds?
8. Is there a breakdown of those who have received payments by gender, age and ethnicity?

Our response:

Qs 1, 2, and 3

		Main Scheme	Discretionary Scheme
Total	219	114	105
Denied	148	53	95
Awaiting Information	25	17	8
Approved	46	44	2

Q4

The council will be given some additional discretionary funds so that we can support people who do not meet the government's eligibility criteria.

When considering whether a Discretionary Support Payment should be made, the claimant must instead meet the following criteria:

- They are not currently in receipt of Universal Credit, Working Tax Credit, Employment and Support Allowance (Income Based), Job Seekers Allowance (Income Based), Income Support, Housing Benefit and/or Pension Credit
- Will face severe demonstrable financial hardship, as a direct result of not being able to work whilst self-isolating and unable to pay essential bills
- Will usually have maximum earnings of no more than £250 gross per week (with a lower limit of £80 and would normally work 16 hours a week. Please note that the full household expenditure will be taken into account when assessing any applications).
- Have savings below £1,000
- This discretionary scheme is not open to University students, those in Higher Education together with non dependants in a household that don't have a rent/mortgage liability/council tax liability.
- Applicants who usually have no recourse to public funds may be considered, providing they meet all of the above discretionary criteria.

Q5

When Main scheme payments are made this money is claimed back from government, so no pot of money is given as such. As per above, there have been 44 applications approved so far.

Q6

Funding allocated £21,663.68. £1000.00 spent so far.

Q7

Information not held.

Q8

Information not held.

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within two calendar months of the date of receipt of the response to your original letter and should be sent to [DPO@NWLeicestershire.gov.uk](mailto:DPO@NWLeicestershire.gov.uk) or the address above.

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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](mailto:accessicoinformation@ico.org.uk).

Yours sincerely

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