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## **FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST 1584**

I write further to your email dated 14 April 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:**

#### Homelessness

1. The number of households who were initially assessed for eligibility for homelessness support each month in January, February and March 2021 (regardless of the outcome of that assessment)
2. The number of households in question 1 who were assessed as owed the prevention duty, each month in January, February and March 2021
3. The number of households in question 1 who were assessed as owed the relief duty as the outcome of their initial assessment (i.e. not at the end of their prevention duty), each month in January, February and March 2021
4. The number of households who were assessed as owed the main housing duty between January and March 2021 inclusive (NB this will include households whose initial assessment was prior to January 2021; question 4 is not limited to those households covered in the question 1 response)
5. The number of households who were owed the relief duty, between January and March 2021 inclusive, at the end of their prevention duty (NB this will include households whose initial assessment was prior to January 2021; accordingly, question 5 is not limited to those households covered in the question 1 response).

#### Council housing rent

Questions 6-14 apply to council housing tenants \*including tenants of ALMOs\*. If the council does not have council housing or an ALMO, please proceed to question 15.

In these questions, the council may use four weeks, 30 days etc, instead of 'one month', and double those figures for 'two months', depending on how it records the information.

6. How many council housing tenant households are there overall?
7. How many council housing tenant households are currently in arrears on their rent by at least one month?
8. How many council housing tenant households are currently in arrears on their rent by at least two months?
9. How many council housing tenant households currently receive Housing Benefit (not Universal Credit)?

10. How many council housing tenant households currently receiving Housing Benefit are currently in arrears on their rent by at least one month?
11. How many council housing tenant households currently receiving Housing Benefit are currently in arrears on their rent by at least two months?
12. How many council housing tenant households currently receive the housing costs element of Universal Credit? If the housing costs element can't be identified, please give figures for those in receipt of Universal Credit regardless of the specific elements (please specify if this is the case)
13. Of the households referred to in response to question 12, how many are currently in arrears on their rent by at least one month?
14. Of the households referred to in response to question 12, how many are currently in arrears on their rent by at least two months?

#### DHP applications

15. For each month since January 2021 (inclusive), please state how much was awarded in Discretionary Housing Payments that month (monetary value)
16. For each month since January 2021 (inclusive), please state how much was awarded in DHPs that month based on the impact on the claimant of the benefit cap (monetary value)
17. For each month since January 2021 (inclusive), please state how many new awards of DHPs were made that month (numerical value, not monetary value)
18. For each month since January 2021 (inclusive), please state how many new awards of DHPs were made that month where the award was based on the impact on the claimant of the benefit cap (numerical value, not monetary value)

#### NRPF

19. Please state how many applications for homelessness support since 1<sup>st</sup> April 2020 have been rejected due to the applicant being ineligible for public funds under No Recourse to Public Funds rules – this is an overall figure, not a monthly one

#### **Our response:**

Please see document 1584a.xlsx attached for our responses using the form you had provided.

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If you remain dissatisfied following the conclusion of the above informal review, you have the right to ask for an internal review. A request for a review whether formal or informal should be submitted 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.

Please remember to quote the Authority's four digit reference number given at the top of this email in any future communications.

Further details on our appeals and complaints procedure can be found on our website [here](#).

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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