

## REQUEST FOR INFORMATION UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION (SCOTLAND) ACT 2002

Please find detailed an FOI request from Ms Emmett, which I have acknowledged.

PLEASE PROVIDE THE INFORMATION TO ME NO LATER THAN 19th SEPTEMBER.

The request is as follows:

### Discretionary Housing Payments Applications

For all of the following, we would like to request data for the year 2016/17 (The twelve months between the beginning of April 2016 and the end of March 2017). Please complete all of the fields that you can.

#### A. All applicants

##### All DHP applications and awards

1. The total discretionary housing payment (DHP) budget available to your local authority for the 2016/17 financial year [please include, and specify, any additional funds granted].

- DWP Funding £252,110
- S GOVT Funding £96,732
- TOTAL BUDGET £348,842

2. The amount spent or committed on DHPs at the end of the year 2016/17

- £348,842

3. The number of applications for DHP received by your local authority in the year 2016/17

- 1165

4. The number of applications refused

- 40

##### Length of time of award

5. The average length of time a DHP award was given for in 2016/17.

- Not available – lengths of awards are determined on a case by case basis and can vary from as little as a week to the full financial year. We also make one-off payments in certain circumstances.

##### Repeat applicants (if recorded)

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

- In accordance with Section 17 the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002, we can confirm that this information is not held.

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

- In accordance with Section 17 the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002, we can confirm that this information is not held.

#### B. Applicants affected by the benefit cap

##### DHP applications and awards

8. The number of applications received from applicants who had their benefits reduced by the household benefit cap.

- In accordance with Section 17 the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002, we can confirm that this information is not held as it is not required to record for statistical purposes.

9. The number of applications refused to applicants who had their benefits reduced by the household benefit cap.

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10. The number of applications refused to applicants who had their benefits reduced by the household benefit cap and had previously received a DHP award by your local authority (if recorded).

- In accordance with Section 17 the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002, we can confirm that this information is not held as it is not required to record for statistical purposes.

Length of time of award for benefit cap affected households

11. The average length of time a DHP awarded to households affected by the benefit cap was given for in 2016/17.

- 3 – 6 months with repeat applications being invited

12. The number of DHPs awarded to households affected by the benefit cap given for the different time periods listed

- a. Less than 4 weeks (includes one-off payments) 0
- b. 4 weeks to 12 weeks = 0
- c. Between 12 weeks and 26 weeks = 2
- d. Between 26 weeks and 52 weeks = 1
- e. More than 52 weeks= 0

Applicants affected by the benefit cap who are single parents with dependent children aged 0 or 1 year's old (if recorded)

13. The number of applications received where the applicant was impacted by the benefit cap and was a single parent with dependent children aged 0 or 1 years old (if recorded).

In accordance with Section 17 the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002, we can confirm that this information is not held as it is not required to record for statistical purposes.

14. The number of applications refused where the applicant was impacted by the benefit cap and was a single parent with dependent children aged 0 or 1 years old (if recorded).

In accordance with Section 17 the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002, we can confirm that this information is not held as it is not required to record for statistical purposes.

15. The number of applications refused where the applicant was impacted by the benefit cap and was a single parent with dependent children aged 0 or 1 years old, and had previously received a DHP award (if recorded).

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C Discretionary Housing Payment's allocation policy

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

