



Reference: FOI4015

**Request:**

We would greatly appreciate it if you could provide us with the following breakdown:

1. Local welfare assistance/provision direct grants/loans to individuals or households (funded by core spending power only, including the Local Government Finance Settlement, but excluding the two additional funds set out in questions 2 and 3)
  - a. 2020/21 spend
  - b. 2020/21 applications successful

This information is refused in answer to this request under section 21, information accessible to the applicant by other means.

The reason for this is that this information is published on the Council's website and can be accessed via the link below.

[https://democracy.northtyneside.gov.uk/documents/s6367/Welfare Reform Financial Update.pdf](https://democracy.northtyneside.gov.uk/documents/s6367/Welfare%20Reform%20Financial%20Update.pdf)

2. Coronavirus Emergency Assistance Grant for Food and Essential Supplies (DEFRA)
  - a. According to DEFRA, you were allocated £239,025. How much of this allocation did you spend in 2020/21?
  - b. Approximately what % (if any) of this fund was used to provide direct local welfare assistance grants to individuals/households?

In response to the above please see attached response to previous FOI request, FOI3514

- c. If this fund was used to provide direct grants to individuals or households, how many were awarded in 2020/21?

The number of households provided with support from our Community and Voluntary sector partners from this fund was 1,914

- d. If the answer to B is less than 100%, please provide approximate percentages indicating what the remainder was spent on (e.g. xx% of the fund was allocated to local food banks, xx% was allocated to schools for food vouchers, etc.).
3. Covid Winter Grant Scheme (including the initial £170 million and the additional £59.1 million for top-tier local authorities)

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- a. According to the DWP, you were allocated £644,9881 + £224,228. How much of this allocation did you spend in 2020/21?

£844,904.61 was spent of the grant - the period of the grant was extended to 16.04.21 so the spend is up to this date.

- b. Approximately what % (if any) of this fund was used to provide direct local welfare assistance grants to individuals/households in 2020/21? Answer: approximately 33% was spent by the LA on direct support to individuals by the LA, through welfare assistance and other teams in the LA.
- c. if this fund was used to provide direct grants to individuals or households, how many were awarded in 2020/21?

Approximately 5,011 households benefitted from payments/support by the LA. (9,464 benefitted through Third Party Organisation support)

- d. If the answer to B is less than 100%, please provide approximate percentages indicating what the remainder was spent on (e.g. xx% of the fund was allocated to local food banks, xx% was allocated to schools for food vouchers, etc.).

£562,032.30 (approximately 67%) of spend was provided through Third Party Organisations (TPO's) which include schools and the community and voluntary sector organisations.

£423,690 (approximately 75% of TPO spend was through schools for food vouchers) the remainder of TPO spend was provided to organisations to provide food, utility and voucher support)