

Request:

I would be grateful if you could please provide the following information, with regards to the Household Support Fund (Tranche: 1 October 2022 to 31 March 2023)

1. The total spend of the Household Support Fund as of 31st December 2022, as per the interim Management Information report
2. The total spend of the Household Support Fund on households with a disabled person as of 31st December 2022 as per the interim Management Information report
3. The total spend of the Household Support Fund on households with a disabled person that has gone directly to these households in the form of vouchers, item purchases or bank transfer (i.e. not provided to third parties to deliver services to support this group)
4. For Tranche 1: Has the local authority set an allocated expenditure for households with a disabled person and if so, what is the total figure for the expenditure?
5. What data is being used to identify households with disabled people who may benefit from the scheme (e.g. in receipt of disability benefits, being provided with a care package by your local authority)
6. What is the eligibility criteria for households with disabled people to be able to avail of support through the Household Support Fund?
7. What formats and communication channels (e.g. easy-read, audio) are being provided to ensure information about the Household Support Fund and the application process is accessible for disabled people?

Response:

1. £885318 for the period 1st October 2022 – 31st December 2022
2. £46,757 for the period 1st October 2022 – 31st December 2022
3. This is not available as it is not part of the DWP MI collection template
4. No there is no set allocation for any group expenditure is based on need
5. Information was shared through our website and with internal service areas and Community and Voluntary Sector Partners many of whom work with disabled residents and can identify any disabled residents in financial need.

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6. - North Tyneside Borough resident;
 - No savings;
 - Experiencing significant financial hardship, which means the applicant is unable to meet the immediate essential short term needs of their household;
 - Low income – using the Minimum Income Standards by household

7. Information is being shared through our website, and through the various channels of our community and voluntary sector partners (including social media) large print information or audio is also available if required.

Please note that where a payment has been made to a family with children and who also have a disabled person living there, they will be categorised as household with children, so not all payments to disabled households will be recognised in the above figures.

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