



Reference: FOI2828

Request:

For all of the following, we would like to request data for the year 2019/20. Please complete all of the fields possible.

A All applicants

DHP applications and awards

The total discretionary housing payment (DHP) budget available to your local authority for the 2019/20 year [please include, and specify, any additional top up funds granted].

The fund contributions were available as follows;

£449,390 DWP

£20,000 North Tyneside Council

£469,390 Total fund available

The amount spent or committed on DHPs at the end of the year 2019/20

The amount spent was £469,373

The number of applications for DHP received by your local authority in the year 2019/20

1321

The number of applications refused.

237

Length of time of award

The average length of time a DHP was given for in 2019/20

There are no averages held

The number of DHPs given for the different time periods listed

- a. Less than 4 weeks (including one-off payments)
- b. 4 weeks to 12 weeks
- c. Between 12 weeks and 26 weeks
- d. Between 26 weeks and 52 weeks
- e. More than 52 weeks

To ascertain this information would require manually going into the individual successful records (1084) to check to see what period the DHP covered Therefore this part of the request is refused under s12 (1) Freedom of Information Act 2000, since the cost of

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complying would exceed the appropriate limit set out in the Freedom of Information and Data Protection (Appropriate Limit and Fees) Regulations 2004.

In assessing the cost of complying, the costs attributable to officer time involved in complying have been taken into account. Such costs are limited to £450.00 under the Regulations, which equates to eighteen hours of officer time.

Repeat applicants (if recorded)

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

Not recorded

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

Not recorded

B Applicants affected by low local housing allowance levels

The Local Authority monitoring returns on DHP asks local authorities to categorise DHP spend according to which welfare reforms the DHP was awarded. For the following questions, we are interested in DHP applications and awards made by people affected by Local Housing Allowance (LHA) reforms

DHP applications and awards

The number of applications received where the reason the applicant was in need of support was that they were impacted by low LHA levels

Numbers not specifically recorded

The number of these applications refused

Numbers not specifically recorded

The average length of time a DHP award was given for in 2019/20, for households affected by low LHA levels

Average data not held

The number of awards made for households affected by low LHA levels for the following reasons

- * To help with on-going rental costs for disabled person in adapted accommodation
- * To help with on-going rental costs for a foster carer
- * To help with on-going rental costs for any other reason

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To help with on-going rental costs for disabled person in adapted accommodation = £0
To help with on-going rental costs for a foster carer = £563.81
To help with on-going rental costs for any other reason =£70,834.96

The average length of time these DHPs were given for

Average data not held

The number of these DHPs given for the different time periods listed

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C Applicants affected by the household benefit cap

DHP applications and awards

The number of applications received where the reason the applicant was in need of support was that they were impacted by the household benefit cap

Numbers not specifically recorded

The number of these applications refused

Numbers not specifically recorded

The average length of time a DHP award was given for in 2019/20, for households affected by the benefit cap

Average data not held

The number of awards made for households affected by the benefit cap for the following reasons

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- * To help with on-going rental costs for disabled person in adapted accommodation
- * To help with on-going rental costs for a foster carer
- * To help with on-going rental costs for any other reason

To help with on-going rental costs for disabled person in adapted accommodation = £0

To help with on-going rental costs for a foster carer = £387.45

To help with on-going rental costs for any other reason = £10,849.16

The average length of time these DHPs were given for

No average data held

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D Discretionary Housing Payment's allocation policy

Your most recent Discretionary Housing Payments policy document, setting out the procedures in place for determining DHP awards

Please note , a copy of the latest DHP policy 2020/21 can be found on the councils website <https://my.northtyneside.gov.uk/> under Benefits/Discretionary Housing Payments

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