

**(CCC) Discretionary Housing Payments (DHPs)**

I am writing to make a Freedom of Information request concerning your Council's expenditure on Discretionary Housing Payments (DHPs) for the 2019/20 financial year.

I am aware some information on DHPs is submitted to the Department for Work & Pensions in its analysis of End of Year returns from local authorities. This includes the total number of awards, DHP financial expenditure and Government contribution original allocation. These monitoring returns provide details of the purpose of the DHP award, such as to secure and move to alternative accommodation and rental costs, split by the welfare form for which households have been affected.

What is not included in this information is the amount and value of DHPs applied for which are not awarded, or if only partial amounts are given. I am requesting this information, as detailed in Table 1 below, and also request splits of this data by the age band of the claimant. If possible, please can the figures just for those where the claimant is aged between 16 and 30 be provided.

Separately, I am requesting information on your Council's use of rent guarantee schemes: these are typically used to help people facing homelessness by providing a written guarantee to the landlord to cover any unpaid rent/damage. The information I require is written below, but also in a Table 2:

- Total amount of rent guarantees issued in 2019/20
  - o How many rent guarantees were issued to care leavers
  - o Age bands of those issued rent guarantees

**Response**

The council was unable to supply some of the information requested, as to do so would involve interrogating individual applications, and would increase the time taken to respond to this request to beyond the reasonable time/cost limits of 18 hours, the equivalent of 18 hours at £25 per hour (£450).

Further queries on this matter should be directed to <a href="mailto:foi@cambridge.gov.uk">foi@cambridge.gov.uk</a>
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rent deposit)	Declined / Unsuccessful								
	<b>TOTAL</b>								
Total value of DHP applications to help secure and move to alternative accommodation (eg rent deposit) (£)	Successful	HB	0	1342	6063	13409	7521	3447	1198
		UC	568	364	315	0	396	764	568
		Total	568	1706	6378	13409	7917	4211	1766
	Partial (less than full amount requested)								
	Declined / Unsuccessful								
	<b>TOTAL</b>								
Total number of DHP applications to with short term rental costs while the claimant secures and moves to alternative accommodation	Successful								
	Partial (less than full amount requested)								
	Declined / Unsuccessful								
	<b>TOTAL</b>								









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