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REQUEST

Prior to the implementation of the new social size criteria/underoccupancy penalty in April 2013:

- 1) How many people were underoccupying their social property by 1 room for both a) working age and b) non-working age?
- 2) How many people were underoccupying their social property by 2 rooms for both a) working age and b) non-working age?
- 3) How many people were underoccupying their social property by more than 3 rooms or more for both a) working age and b) non-working age?

As of the 1st March 2014:

- 1) How many people were underoccupying their social property by 1 room for both a) working age and b) non-working age?
- 2) How many people were underoccupying their social property by 2 rooms for both a) working age and b) non-working age?
- 3) How many people were underoccupying their social property by more than 3 rooms or more for both a) working age and b) non-working age?

RESPONSE

Further to your Freedom of Information request, we can confirm that we are unable to provide any information prior to April 2013 as we do not hold this information as we had no need to know. We can only give data in relation to people who have applied for housing which is only a small minority of people affected by the under-occupation charge. Tenants are not required to tell us if people move in or out, only to notify the Benefits Section, however as we would only know about benefit claimants post-April, the level of accuracy would make these statistics meaningless.