

**42/14**

**REQUEST**

I am writing to request information under the Freedom of Information Act on the impact of the localisation and cuts to the council tax benefits system by DCLG, implemented on April 2013.

In your local authority area:

1. How many people are paying a) increased council tax or b) council tax for the first time since April this year as a result of the change from a national council tax benefit scheme to a localised council tax support scheme?
2. Of those people paying increased council tax or council tax for the first time, how many people in total were in arrears as of 21/1/14? If possible, would you also break this down and tell me of how many of these are (a) a registered carer, (b) someone in receipt of disability-related benefits, (c) in receipt of a War Disablement Pension, (d) in receipt of a War Widow's or Widower's pension.
3. Of those people paying increased council tax or council tax for the first time, how many people in total have had a summons issued against as of 21/1/14? If possible, would you also break this down and tell me of how many of these are (a) a registered carer, (b) someone in receipt of disability-related benefits, (c) in receipt of a War Disablement Pension, (d) in receipt of a War Widow's or Widower's pension.
4. Of those people paying increased council tax or council tax for the first time, how many people in total have you instructed bailiffs to recover money from as of 21/1/14? If possible, would you also break this down and tell me of how many of these are (a) a registered carer, (b) someone in receipt of disability-related benefits, (c) in receipt of a War Disablement Pension, (d) in receipt of a War Widow's or Widower's pension.
5. Of those people paying increased council tax or council tax for the first time, how many people in total have you applied for a Committal Warrant as of 21/1/14?

**RESPONSE**

Please see our answers annotated in red in response to your Freedom of Information request –

In your local authority area:

1. How many people are paying a) increased council tax or b) council tax for the first time since April this year as a result of the change from a national council tax benefit scheme to a localised council tax support scheme?  
1(A) 7601  
1(B) 5004
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2946 which cannot be broken down.

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Cannot breakdown the figure of 1985 summonsed so far.

4. Of those people paying increased council tax or council tax for the first time, how many people in total have you instructed bailiffs to recover money from as of 21/1/14? If possible, would you also break this down and tell me of how many of these are (a) a registered carer, (b) someone in receipt of disability-related benefits, (c) in receipt of a War Disablement Pension, (d) in receipt of a War Widow's or Widower's pension.

Cannot breakdown the figure of 501 accounts that have been passed to the Council's bailiffs.

5. Of those people paying increased council tax or council tax for the first time, how many people in total have you applied for a Committal Warrant as of 21/1/14?

None.