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REQUEST

Please advise:

1. The number of households in your area affected by the under occupancy Housing Benefit penalty when it was introduced in April last year.
2. The number still affected by the under occupancy Housing Benefit penalty.
3. The number of households in your area affected by the under occupancy Housing Benefit penalty when it was introduced in April last year who have now come off Housing Benefit altogether.
4. The number of households in your area affected by the under occupancy Housing Benefit penalty when it was introduced in April last year. who have since vacated their homes.

RESPONSE

1. The number of households in your area affected by the under occupancy Housing Benefit penalty when it was introduced in April last year.

495

2. The number still affected by the under occupancy Housing Benefit penalty.

457

3. The number of households in your area affected by the under occupancy Housing Benefit penalty when it was introduced in April last year who have now come off Housing Benefit altogether.

Not known.

4. The number of households in your area affected by the under occupancy Housing Benefit penalty when it was introduced in April last year. Who have since vacated their homes?

The RSLs could provide accurate figures on this one. Local authority tenants either exchanging or downsizing to avoid SSSC total 15