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REQUEST AND RESPONSE

How many households on housing benefit have been allocated to a social property (including housing association and council-owned) by your council where they will under-occupy (the property has too many bedrooms for their needs) and therefore be subject to the government's 'removal of the spare room subsidy'?

In:

April 2012-March 2013	6
April 2013- March 2014	5
April 2014-March 2015	8
and April 2015- March 2016	4

How many households overall (including those on housing benefit and those not on housing benefit) have been allocated to a social property by your council that is too large for their needs and where they will under-occupy?

In:

April 2012-March 2013	12
April 2013- March 2014	10
April 2014-March 2015	14
and April 2015-March 2016	10

What arrangements are made for households that are allocated to properties in which they will under occupy and be subject to the removal of the spare room subsidy? Do they get automatic Discretionary Housing Payment if they are allocated to an oversized home by their local authority?

No one is automatically given a DHP, but they are all entitled to apply for one.