

FOI 406/2016

REQUEST

1. The total number of:

- reminders issued;
- final notices issued;
- court summonses issued;
- liability orders issued;
- attachment of benefit arrangements made;
- attachment of earnings arrangements made; and
- enforcement agents employed;

in relation to your collection of council tax for each financial year since (and including) 2012/13

2. If possible please provide the council tax collection rate, among LCTRS recipients only, for each financial year since 2012/13. Please present this collection rate as a percentage of the total council tax liability for LCTRS recipients. If possible please also provide the council tax collection rate, among Council Tax Benefit (CTB) recipients only, for 2012/13.

3. If possible please provide the average council tax bill for someone on the full council tax reduction available under LCTRS (or CTB) for each financial year since and including 2012/13.

4. If possible please provide the number of appeals that have been taken to the valuation tribunal relating to your application of LCTRS (or CTB) for each financial year since and including 2012/13.

5. Does your LCTRS scheme incentivise work? If so how?

RESPONSE

1.

Docs issued/action taken during financial years:

	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16
<i>Reminders</i>	18310	24596	27992	23640
<i>Finals</i>	1832	1816	2280	2506
<i>Summons</i>	4693	8308	7772	7588
<i>Liability Orders</i>	3638	6599	6371	5868
<i>Attachment of benefit</i>	803	1788	2236	1948
<i>Attachment Of Earnings</i>	924	1023	1121	1214
<i>Enforcement Agents Employed</i>	1	2	2	2

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Answer

Question 2. Collection Rate for LCTS Claimants 2013 = 85.89%

2014 = 85.17%

2015 = 84.19%

Information for CTB collection not available.

3. If possible please provide the average council tax bill for someone on the full council tax reduction available under LCTRS (or CTB) for each financial year since and including 2012/13.

Answer

Question 3. This varies by parish but overall Band B tends to be the average and the Band B Charge without parish precept for

2012 = £1125.42

2013 = £1129.26

2014 = £1130.38

2015 = £1132.46

2016 = £1174.87

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2015/16 year 1

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We pay less LCTS where the council tax payer is long term unemployed i.e. in receipt of JSA for 3 years or more. For further information please see the attached Council Tax Reduction Scheme Policy.