

9 April 2021
Our ref: 7113280

Thank you for your request received on 11 March 2021, for the following information:

Dear Barnet Borough Council,

I write to request the following information:

- 1. During financial year 2020-2021, how many individuals received a discretionary/additional support payment, without requesting this or being notified of this for the amount of £150**
- 2. If such payments detailed in point 1 were made, please clarify which particular groups of individuals qualified for these payments and why**

We have processed this request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Response

The council holds the information requested and the answers to your questions are below

1. During financial year 2020-2021, how many individuals received a discretionary/additional support payment, without requesting this or being notified of this for the amount of £150

We are unable to break the figure down into 'individuals' so have provided the figure for the number of Council Tax accounts this amount was paid to.

The £150 payment was credited to 22,126 council tax accounts.

2. If such payments detailed in point 1 were made, please clarify which particular groups of individuals qualified for these payments and why

This was paid in accordance with Government guidance regarding the Covid-19 Harship Fund Allocation to working age claimants who received Council Tax Support for any period in that year, and was limited to one award per household up to a maximum of £150.

Further information

If you are interested in the data that the council holds you may wish to visit Open Barnet, the council's data portal. This brings together all our published datasets and other information of interest on one searchable database for anyone, anywhere to access. <http://open.barnet.gov.uk/>

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