

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000

Your request for information has now been considered and the Council's response to your questions is shown below.

Reference to our response to your request number 3488 you asked:

“I was wondering if you might be able to tell me how many of the households given in response to question 4 were already in arrears at the start of the financial year (when the bedroom tax came into effect)? Just so as to root out the pre-existing arrears.”

Answer:

On the 1st April 2013, there were 2,701 tenants affected by the bedroom tax. Of these, 1,044 were already in arrears - i.e. owed at least 1p from the week before.

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**Information Governance Manager
Information and Support
Leicester City Council
FREEPOST (LE985/33)
New Walk Centre
LEICESTER LE1 6ZG**
e-mail: info.requests@leicester.gov.uk

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Information Commissioner's Office
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow SK9 5AF
Telephone: 01625 545 700
www.informationcommissioner.gov.uk

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