

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000

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

You asked:

1. The number on your housing register in overcrowded conditions as of 1/4/13 - as defined as one or more bedrooms below bedroom standards - and the current figure.

2063 (1/4/2013)

2675 (1/9/2013)

2. The number of your housing register in severely overcrowded conditions as of 1/4/13 - as defined as two or more bedrooms below bedroom standards - and the current figure.

557 (1/4/2013)

664 (1/9/2013)

3. The number of your properties vacated since 1/4/13 by those affected by the under occupancy Housing Benefit penalty.

Between 1st April and 1st September, 129 Leicester City Council tenancies affected by the Bedroom Tax have been terminated. Of these, 56 were mutual exchanges and 27 were transfers through the Housing Register. The other 43 were terminated for a variety of reasons i.e. Deceased, Abandoned, Left the Country, Moved to other rental property, Moved in with Family & Friends.

4. The number of cases in your area that were affected by the under occupancy charge as at 01 April 13 and that are no longer in receipt of Housing Benefit.

Please note this is the movement between [ALL Housing benefit cases in social housing](#) (Council and Housing Association) [where the under-occupancy rule applies](#).

At 3/4/13 Leicester City Council had 3,944 claims/cases affected by the under-occupancy rules. To be affected by the rule the household must be in receipt of Housing benefit. This rule affected tenants resident in social housing. The reply is reflective of housing benefit claims in this sector and not specifically council housing provided by the authority.

At 25/9/13 we had 3,296 claims/cases which remain affected by the under-occupancy rules.

Therefore 648 cases from the 3rd April 2013 data set are no longer in receipt of Housing benefit as at 25th September 2013.

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