

## **Freedom of Information Act 2000 – Removal of the spare room subsidy – First tier Tribunal decisions**

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

### **You asked:**

**1.) The number of appeals to FtT against decisions taken within your authority on**

**a) housing benefit in general and**

Total received as at 14/11/13 - 178 cases

**b) where removal of the spare room subsidy was the main subject of appeal, since 1 April 2013, including those filed and withdrawn, and those not yet heard.**

Of this total 7 cases relate to under occupancy

**2.) The number of FtT decisions to date regarding appeals where the spare room subsidy was the main issue, and the number of those that resulted in the FtT**

**a) upholding,**

Nil

**b) overturning or**

Nil

**c) amending the Benefit Authority's decision**

Nil

**3.) The number of FtT decisions to date regarding appeals where the spare room subsidy was the main issue and that overturned or amended the Benefit Authority's decision, which you**

**a) have appealed, and**

Nil

**b) intend to appeal to the Upper Tribunal.**

Nil

Please note that following a submission to FtT, it is taking over 18 months to be listed these days.

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