

Freedom of Information Act 2000 – Exemptions of Under Occupancy Charge

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

You asked:

1. I would like to know how many people have been granted an exemption from The Underoccupancy Charge by LCC since it's introduction in April 2013?

3400 claims (approximately) + 350 for period 1/04/13 to 02/03/14 only

2. How many people and on what grounds did LCC grant these exemptions?

3400 (approximately) under one or more of the following exemptions:

Pension Age

Non-mainstream accommodation

Temporary accommodation

Supported "exempt " accommodation

plus 350 for period 01/04/13 to 02/03/14 only, due to being a pre 1996 continuous claim + tenancy

3. I would also like to know how many appeals have gone to Tribunal; how many were successful and on what grounds?

5 appeals that have gone to tribunal have been successful on the following grounds:

2 with dependants accepted as being part of household

1 where husband and wife needed separate rooms on medical grounds

1 where it was accepted a disabled child needed a "chill out" room

4. Have LCC accepted successful Tribunal judgements?

Yes

5. How much money has LCC spent on Tribunal cases?

Approximately £300 per case

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If you are dissatisfied with the handling of your request please write to:

**Information Governance Manager
Information and Support
Leicester City Council
Bosworth House
9 – 15 Princess Road West
LEICESTER LE1 6TH**
e-mail: info.requests@leicester.gov.uk

Your request for internal review should be submitted to the above address within 40 (forty) working days of receipt by you of this response. Any such request received after this time will only be considered at the Council's absolute discretion.

You may also seek independent advice from the Information Commissioner at:

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

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