



My Ref: FOI 6042
Enquiries to: Information Requests
E-Mail: informationrequests@barnsley.gov.uk

Dear Requester,

Re: Request for Information – Freedom of Information Act 2000

I wish to confirm that the council has completed its search for the information which you requested.

The information requested and our findings are as follows: -

I am writing under the Freedom of Information Act to kindly request information relating to your Household Support Fund allocation. I am the Policy and Research Officer at End Furniture Poverty, we are the campaigning and research arm of FRC Group, a group of charities and non-profit businesses. Please see our list of questions attached, and pasted below, and thank you in advance for your assistance. If you have any questions for us about this, please do get in touch. Best wishes, Abby

1. Please provide us with a copy of the management information return you are required to provide to the DWP for Tranche Seven of the Household Support Fund.

Please see attached – this is the only data we are required to collect as an authority on HSF

2. Please provide a breakdown of how tranche seven was spent:

(a) Targeted Grants (by targeted grants we mean any direct grants/proactive support given to households that did not need to be applied)

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(b) Free School Meal Holiday Vouchers

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(c) Direct applications to the scheme (this means the amount that was open to application, but not through your local welfare assistance scheme)

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(d) Local Welfare Assistance Scheme

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(e) Voluntary and Community Sector Organisations

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(f) Advice Services

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(g) Other (please clarify)

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3. (a) If you accepted applications to this fund how many did you receive?

(b) How many applications were successful?

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4. Excluding funding given to local welfare schemes or third-party organisations;

(a) Excluding funding given to local welfare schemes or third-party organisations, how much of the HSF did you spend on helping people with furniture and appliances?

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5. For tranche seven how much did you spend on:

(a) Vouchers

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(b) Cash awards

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(c) Third party organisations

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(d) In kind support

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(e) Other If you provide in kind support, what percentage would you estimate is spent on furniture and white goods? Of the funds given to third party organisations, how much was given to organisations who provide furniture, white goods and furnishings?

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6. Please provide us with a copy of your Crisis and Resilience Fund delivery plan that you are required to provide to the DWP for Year One of the CRF.

The deadline for this plan is 1st July 2026 and is yet to be approved by Cabinet

7. Do you plan on using the Crisis and Resilience Fund on furniture and appliance provision?

Yes

8. If you plan to use the Crisis and Resilience Fund for furniture and appliance provision, please tick the boxes below to show which furniture/appliance types you will provide and whether these are new or preloved or whether you will be providing cash or vouchers for these items

Cash Voucher	Item	New	Item	Preloved	Item
	Cooker		Fridge		Freezer
	Washing Machine				

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Sofa Bed Wardrobe Chest of drawers Table and chairs Flooring – carpets or lino Window coverings – curtains or blinds If you have any further comments about local welfare support, the Household Support Fund, or the Crisis and Resilience Fund, please share it here.

New items - Bed, Mattress, bunk bed, washer, cooker, fridge, fridge freezer, freezer and microwave

If you have any queries about this letter, please contact Information Requests Via email.

Please remember to quote the reference number above in any future communications.

If you are unhappy with the way the Directorate has handled your request, you may ask for an internal review. Please clearly mark your correspondence 'Complaint' and address it to:

Barnsley MBC
Information Requests Team
PO Box 634
Barnsley
S70 9GG
email: informationrequests@barnsley.gov.uk

If you are not content with the outcome of the internal review, you have the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at: -

Customer Services Team
Information Commissioner's Office
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
Cheshire
SK9 5AF

Email: <http://www.ico.org.uk/foicomplaints>

Kind regards,

Information Requests Team, Barnsley MBC

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