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Dear [name redacted]

Freedom of Information – Request for Information

With regards to your recent enquiry for information held by the Authority under the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act. Please find the information you requested below with reference in the box to your original enquiry for clarity where multiple answers are required.

Details of Your Request

1. *How many households on housing benefit have been allocated to a social property (including housing association and council-owned) by your council where they will under-occupy (the property has too many bedrooms for their needs) and therefore be subject to the government's 'removal of the spare room subsidy'?*
In:
April 2012-March 2013
April 2013- March 2014
April 2014-March 2015
and April 2015- March 2016
2. *How many households overall (including those on housing benefit and those not on housing benefit) have been allocated to a social property by your council that is too large for their needs and where they will under-occupy?*
In:
April 2012-March 2013
April 2013- March 2014
April 2014-March 2015
and April 2015-March 2016
3. *What arrangements are made for households that are allocated to properties in which they will under occupy and be subject to the removal of the spare room subsidy? Do they get automatic Discretionary Housing Payment if they are allocated to an oversized home by their local authority?*

The response to your request as follows:

1. **April 2012-March 2013 12**
April 2013- March 2014 9
April 2014-March 2015 7
and April 2015- March 2016 5

2. **April 2012-March 2013 18**
April 2013- March 2014 11
April 2014-March 2015 10
and April 2015-March 2016 14
3. **We don't actively under occupy properties, on the occasions we do, an income & expenditure assessment is carried out with the applicants to ensure affordability.**

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Yours Sincerely

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