

FOI number: **HBC_FOI_2019132**
Date FOI Received: **09/02/2019**
Department: **Council Tax**
Title: **Care Leavers and Council Tax Discretionary Reductions**
Description: **Care Leavers in receipt of a discretionary reduction to Council Tax.**

Request: *(As Redacted sent by requestor)*

Please provide the following information as requested:

- Data Period: January 1st, 2018 and December 31st 2018.
- Data Cohort: Care Leavers (i.e. a person aged between 16 and 25 years having been looked after by a local authority from 16 years old or any subsequent period after this date) in receipt of a discretionary reduction in Council Tax liability issued in accordance with section 13A of the Local Government Finance Act 1992 (or equivalent Council Tax Reduction legislation).
- Date requested: a) The total number of the cohort in your authority area; b) The number in receipt of 100% discretionary reduction; and c) The number in receipt of 50% or less discretionary reduction.

Please note:

1. This FOI request has been made because you are the public organisation with responsibility for administering such a scheme.
2. This FOI request does not require the disclosure of any personal information.

Response: *(Response as Redacted sent by service)*

- a) We do not hold records regarding care leavers – this function is with the county
- b) Aside from council tax support, no one in the cohort received 100% discretionary reduction
- c) Aside from council tax support, no one in the cohort received 50% discretionary reduction

If you have any queries about the processing of your request then please do not hesitate to contact me. Further information explaining the Council's process for responding to information requests together with a complaints/appeals procedure is available in our reception or via our website at:

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Thank you for your request.

Kind regards
Information Services