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Further to your information request FOI/EIR 18/19-544 please find your question and our response below.

Request:

Please can I request under the Freedom of Information Act:

- a) Any estimate of the total monetary cost to your authority of the introduction of Universal Credit since its inception in 2013 (ideally broken down by municipal year and including 2018/19 to date);
- b) The total monetary value of any crisis loans funded by yourselves and given to Universal Credit claimants since January 1 2013;
- c) The total funding given by yourselves to third-sector organisations for the purpose of supporting Universal Credit claimants since January 1 2013;
- d) The cost to yourselves of offering support or advice to Universal Credit claimants who are in financial difficulty or struggling with the process of claiming Universal Credit since January 1 2013;

Response:

- a) East Cambridgeshire District Council can confirm that it has not incurred any monetary cost as a result of the introduction of Universal Credit.
- b) East Cambridgeshire Council is not responsible for issuing crisis loans.
- c) East Cambridgeshire District Council has not given any funding to third-sector organisations for the purpose of supporting Universal Credit claimants.
- d) East Cambridgeshire District Council has not incurred costs relating to offering support or advice to Universal Credit claimants.

You may wish to re-direct your request to Cambridge County Council.

This concludes your request FOI/EIR 18/19-544

If information has been refused please treat this as a Refusal Notice for the purposes of the Act.

If you disagree with our decision or are otherwise unhappy with how we have dealt with your request in the first instance you may approach foi@eastcambs.gov.uk. and request a review.

Should you remain dissatisfied with the outcome you have a right under s50 of the Freedom of Information Act to appeal against the decision by contacting the Information Commissioner, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow SK9 5AF.