

Durham County Council
Freedom of Information Act 2000
Information request



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You Requested:	Requestor: Pat James	

Dear Durham County Council, under the terms of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, I require that you provide or direct me to the following information from your Billing Authority Records:

You requested:

1 the total number of Council Tax defaulters for the financial year 2015/2016 only;

Our response:

Under section 1(1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 in relation to council tax, debt records are not gathered per actual household, however, what is held is the number of first and second reminders recorded as being issued which indicates the number of households falling into arrears during the periods concerned:

2015/2016: 55,718 cases

You requested:

2 the total value of outstanding Council Tax for the financial year 2015/2016 only.

Our response:

As at 31st January 2017, the value is £5,532,275, equating to 2.16% of the total amount owed for 2015/16.

The Authority has a good track record with regard to pursuing council tax owed for previous years and is currently achieving a collection rate of more than 99.5% overall.

Attachments: not applicable

Exemptions Applied: not applicable

The Public Interest Test: not applicable

Review Procedure

I hope that this information is of assistance. However, if you are dissatisfied with the handling of your request, please contact: The Information Management Team [Tel:03000268034](tel:03000268034) Email: foi@durham.gov.uk

After you have exhausted our internal appeals procedure, you also have a right of appeal to the Information Commissioner at: Telephone: 01625 545 745 Email: casework@ico.org.uk

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