

**Department for Work and Pensions (DWP)
Central Freedom of Information Team**

freedom-of-information-request@dwp.gsi.gov.uk

Our reference: Fol 906

Date: 21 March 2017

Dear Mr Walker

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request received on 7 March 2017. You asked:

“Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, please provide me with the following information/explanation of the following:

- *Information with regards to how the CSA values property owned by the parents, either parents with responsibility or parents without responsibility.*
- *Information as the process on how these valuations are calculated.”*

DWP Response:

The Child Maintenance Group will seek to establish the value of a non resident or paying parent's property, once it has been established, through Land Registry public records, the property is owned or jointly owned by that parent.

A valuation of the property will only be sought, if the non resident parent or paying parent has failed to pay the child maintenance due and a County Court has granted an interim or final charging order against that parent.

A legal expert, contracted to provide this service provision, instructs a local property expert to obtain a drive-by valuation of the property to establish the market value.

If you have any queries about this letter please contact me quoting the reference number above.

Yours sincerely,

DWP Central Fol Team

Your right to complain under the Freedom of Information Act

If you are not happy with this response you may request an internal review by e-mailing freedom-of-information-request@dwpgsi.gov.uk or by writing to: DWP, Central Fol Team, Caxton House, Tothill Street, SW1H 9NA. Any review request should be submitted within two months of the date of this letter.

If you are not content with the outcome of the internal review you may apply directly to the Information Commissioner's Office for a decision. Generally the Commissioner cannot make a decision unless you have exhausted our own complaints procedure. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at: The Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow Cheshire SK9 5AF
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