

Patrick J Cawkwell
Email: Request-453353-
211d9324@whatdotheyknow.com

Contact: Gill Parker
Email: FOI@doncaster.gov.uk
Website: www.doncaster.gov.uk
Date: 10th January 2018

Dear Mr Cawkwell

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request dated 20th December 2017 for information about the Doncaster Local Welfare Assistance Scheme. Please find below Doncaster Council's responses to the questions you have raised.

1. How many people have been assisted through the Local Welfare Assistance Scheme?

The Doncaster Local Assistance Scheme has been operating since April 2013. Please find below the numbers of applications approved in each year since then.

2013/14	1463 applications approved
2014/15	811 applications approved
2015/16	532 applications approved
2016/17	594 applications approved
2017/18	349 applications approved (Apr – Nov inclusive)

2. What help did that entail?

Support is, in the majority of cases in the form of household white goods, furniture, bedding and small household equipment. Small cash sums are paid for gas/electricity top-ups, food and emergency travel. A small number of awards are made for clothing.

3. How was the help delivered?

Applicants apply either over the telephone or using an on-line form. Successful awards for white goods, furniture and clothing are made by sending the applicant a prepaid card for them to use at selected retailers. Cash awards are made using the Paypoint system at local retailers.

I hope that this information is useful to you.

Doncaster Council estimates that it has cost £75.00 to respond to this request for information.

Reviewing any decisions made:

You can ask us to review any decisions made about your request. You do this by writing to
Freedom of Information Officer,
Doncaster Council,
Civic Office,
Waterdale
Doncaster,
DN1 3BU
e-mail: FOIAppeals@doncaster.gov.uk

You can apply to the Information Commissioner for a decision about our compliance or otherwise with the Freedom of Information legislation. Please contact the Commissioner for details on how to do this - telephone 01625 545700, address: Information Commissioner, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF. Internet: <http://www.informationcommissioner.gov.uk/>

Yours sincerely,

Gill Parker
Freedom of Information Lead Officer
Adults Health & Wellbeing