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Department: **Benefits**  
Title: **Discretionary housing payments Apr 2019 -Dec 2020**  
Description: **Discretionary housing payments Apr 2019 -Dec 2020**

**Request: (As Redacted sent by requestor)**

- ) The total number of discretionary housing payments made by your council over the period April-December 2020
- (ii) The total number of discretionary housing payments made by your council over the period April-December 2020 made to (i) private renters (ii) social renters
- (iii) If available, the total number of discretionary housing payments per month made by your council over the period April-December 2020
- (iv) The total amount in cash terms in issued discretionary housing payments over the period April-December 2020
  
- (v) The total number of discretionary housing payments made by your council over the period April 2019 - March 2020
- (vi) The total number of discretionary housing payments made by your council over the period April 2019 - March 2020 made to (i) private renters (ii) social renters
- (vii) If available, the total number of discretionary housing payments per month made by your council over the period April 2019 - March 2020
- (viii) The total amount in cash terms issued discretionary housing payments over the period April 2019 - March 2020

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

- (i) The total number of discretionary housing payments made over the period April-December 2020 is 177
- (ii) The total number of discretionary housing payments made over the period April - December 2020 made to (i) private renters was 69 (ii) social renters was 108
- (iii) If available, the total number of discretionary housing payments per month made by your council over the period April-December 2020 **n/a**
- (iv) The total amount in cash terms issued in discretionary housing payments over the period April-December 2020 is £304,519.11
- (v) The total number of discretionary housing payments made over the period April 2019 - March was 199
- (vi) The total number of discretionary housing payments made over the period April 2019 - March 2020 made to (i) private renters was **83** (ii) social renters was 116
- (vii) If available, the total number of discretionary housing payments per month made by your council over the period April 2019 - March 2020 **n/a**
- (viii) The total amount in cash terms issued in discretionary housing payments over the period April 2019 - March 2020 was £260,483.

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Thank you for your request.

Kind regards  
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