

FOI REF:	15446
RESPONSE SENT:	29/04/2025

Request

Please provide the data for 2024 and so far in 2025

This FoIA request relates to the £150 energy bill support payments (sometimes called a 'council tax rebate') issued to Council Tax band A-D households in your area as at 1 April 2022. Further information is here:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/the-council-tax-rebate-2022-23-billing-authority-guidance/support-for-energy-bills-the-council-tax-rebate-2022-23-billing-authority-guidance>

On 2 September 2022, the Department for Levelling Up, Housing & Communities reminded local authorities in England to place any unclaimed "core" £150 payments onto council tax accounts for eligible households. This allowed for payment after the "core" scheme closed. See the section titled "*Crediting council tax accounts*" here:

https://web.archive.org/web/20221116231926/https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/1102995/220902_Final_CT_Rebate_CTIL-next_steps_for_Sept_2022_update.pdf

The questions below only relate to the "core/main" £150 scheme. No information is required concerning the separate "discretionary" schemes.

- 1) For properties where you are the local council, how many properties have an unclaimed "core" £150 on their council tax account?
- 2) How many of the properties in "1)" had at least one individual in council tax exemption class **N** as at 1 April 2022?
- 3) For properties where you are the local council, how many are recorded as a Home in Multiple Occupation (HMO) for planning purposes but not for council tax purposes?
- 4) How many of these properties in "3)" have an unclaimed "core" £150 on their council tax account and had at least one individual in council tax exemption class **N** as at 1 April 2022?
- 5) What decision(s) has the council made regarding distribution of these unclaimed "core" £150 payments to the eligible 1 April 2022 occupants?



Please provide this information above as at 31 March 2025 by return email.

If time allows, please also provide the above information as at 31 March 2024 (again by return email).

Response

- 1. 652**
- 2. 236**
- 3. 336 – I have matched current Council Tax data against the data published online on our HMO register.**
- 4. 66**
- 5. The payments that were unclaimed at the time now form part of the Council Tax receipts and will be treated as credits. They can be paid back to eligible households or offset against their future Council Tax. If the payment is requested back, these cases will go through the same pre-payment checks required under the CTER Scheme.**

