

Social Fund Community Care Grant Average Actual Clearance Times April 2010 to February 2011 in Great Britain

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Background

Social Fund Community Care Grants are available to vulnerable people claiming income-related benefits in the following situations.

- To help people moving out of institutional or residential care to establish themselves in the community.
- To help people stay in the community.
- To ease exceptional pressure on families.
- To help people setting up home as part of a planned programme of resettlement.
- To help with the care of a prisoner or young offender on release on temporary licence.
- To assist with certain travelling expenses.

Further information is available from:

http://www.direct.gov.uk/en/MoneyTaxAndBenefits/BenefitsTaxCreditsAndOtherSupport/Caringforsomeone/DG_10018921

Local and national performance is monitored against a clearance standard. The standard for the Average Actual Clearance Time for Community Care Grants is nine working days.

Methodology

The results given below are Management Information. DWP's preference is to provide Official/National Statistics, but in this case only Management Information is available. It is not quality assured to the same extent as Official/National Statistics and there are some issues with the data, for example, it does not include applications processed clerically which had not yet been entered on to the Social Fund Computer System.

The information is taken from the DWP Social Fund Policy, Budget and Management Information System.

Results

Month	Community Care Grants in Great Britain
	Average Actual Clearance Time (working days)
Apr-10	11.0
May-10	9.7
Jun-10	9.6
Jul-10	10.0
Aug-10	10.2
Sep-10	9.2
Oct-10	7.8
Nov-10	6.0
Dec-10	6.4
Jan-11	5.4
Feb-11	6.9
Year-to-date	8.5

Note

The clearance time for an individual Community Care Grant application is measured in whole working days from the date the application is received to the date of the decision, inclusive. The minimum clearance time recorded for an individual application is one working day, even if the application is processed immediately.

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