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## **Preface**

I am pleased to present the thirtieth annual report to Parliament on the operation of the Social Fund for Great Britain in 2017-18. The Social Fund is a regulated scheme made up of Maternity Grants, Funeral Expenses Payments, Cold Weather Payments and Winter Fuel Payments and a discretionary scheme of Budgeting Loans.

These payments provide vital financial support for people in need by helping people and families on low income with certain one-off or occasional expenses and provides a source of affordable credit for the financially excluded.

In the last year the Social Fund has provided over £625.3 million to support families on low income with certain one-off or occasional expenses through Budgeting Loans, Sure Start Maternity Grants, Funeral Expenses Payments and Cold Weather Payments.

Winter Fuel Payments continued to provide an additional £2 billion to support older people in meeting their heating costs.

We are constantly working to improve the way these payments operate. We have introduced a digital application process for Social Fund Budgeting Loans to make this money more accessible for those who need it. This has resulted in an increase in the number of applications, which dedicated Jobcentre Plus colleagues are delivering in a way that matches customer expectations.

**The Rt Hon Esther McVey  
Secretary of State for Work and Pensions**

# 1. Introduction

- 1.1. This is the thirtieth annual report to Parliament on the operation of the Social Fund for Great Britain required to be laid by sections 167(5) and (6) of the Social Security Administration Act 1992<sup>1</sup>.
- 1.2. The Social Fund scheme includes a regulated scheme made up of Maternity Grants and Funeral Expenses Payments, Cold Weather and Winter Fuel Payments, and a discretionary scheme comprised of Budgeting Loans.

## Source of data for this report

- 1.3. The figures in this report, unless stated otherwise, are taken from the DWP Policy, Budget and Management Information System, Social Fund White Paper Account and from scans of the Social Fund Computer System.<sup>2</sup> Together these data sources record details of every individual application, subsequent payment decision and any outstanding repayment record. They also provide useful comparative data such as average awards, what needs are covered and how various client groups are using the fund. These comparisons are shown in the annexes to this report.

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1 There is also a statutory requirement to produce a Social Fund White Paper Account. Current arrangements are that this is laid in Parliament separately.

2 The figures in this report do not include accounting adjustments.

## 2. The Regulated Social Fund

### Sure Start Maternity Grants

- 2.1. The Sure Start Maternity Grant (SSMG) is a payment of £500 to provide important help for families with the costs of a new baby (or babies in the event of a multiple birth) if there are no other children under 16 in the claimant's family. The grant is available to recipients, and partners of recipients, of a qualifying benefit or tax credit. For claims in 2017-18 these were: Income Support, income-related Employment and Support Allowance, income-based Jobseeker's Allowance, Universal Credit, Pension Credit, Child Tax Credit, and Working Tax Credit (which includes a disability or a severe disability element).
- 2.2. SSMG is also available for the additional children of subsequent multiple births. This recognises that help is needed with the costs for all but one of the additional children of a subsequent multiple birth. An example, would be where the birth of twins follows a previous single birth, a SSMG can be paid to help with costs of the additional child.
- 2.3. In 2017-18 over 50,000 SSMG awards were made worth £25.6 million. SSMG statistics are in Annexes 1 and 2.

### Funeral Expenses Payments

- 2.4. The Funeral Expenses Payment (FEP) scheme provides help towards the cost of a funeral. Payments are made to the person responsible for funeral costs who is in receipt of (or whose partner is in receipt of) a qualifying benefit or tax credit. In 2017-18 the qualifying benefits and tax credits were the same as those listed above for SSMG, but with the addition of Housing Benefit. Any payments made by DWP towards funeral costs are recoverable from the estate of the deceased, if there are sufficient funds.
- 2.5. In 2017-18, around 25,500 Funeral Expenses Payment awards were made worth £37.1 Million.
- 2.6. The DWP's Bereavement Service continues to take telephone applications for Funeral Expenses Payments as part of a wider service to people reporting a bereavement to the DWP. Funeral Expenses Payment claims can also be made by post, or by using a claim form that can be downloaded from the GOV.UK website.

### Cold Weather Payments

- 2.7. Cold Weather Payments provide help with additional costs of heating during periods of severely cold weather. Every residential postcode in Great Britain is linked to one of the weather stations used in the scheme. A payment is made to someone when the average temperature has been recorded as, or is forecast to be, 0°C or below over seven consecutive days at the weather station linked to their postcode.

**2.8.** In 2017-18 eligible recipients of a Cold Weather Payment were:

Benefit in payment	Qualifying conditions for a Cold Weather Payment
Pension Credit	Entitled to Cold Weather Payment (CWP).
Income Support (IS)	Entitled to a CWP if they receive a disability premium, a severe disability premium, any one of the pensioner premiums, a child disability premium within IS or Child Tax Credit (CTC) or they have a child under 5 years.
Income based Jobseeker's Allowance (JSA(IB))	Entitled to a CWP if they receive a disability premium, a severe disability premium, any one of the pensioner premiums, a child disability premium within JSA(IB) or CTC or they have child under 5 years.
Income-related Employment Support Allowance	Entitled to a CWP if they receive the support component, the work-related activity component, a severe or enhanced disability premium, pensioner premium, or have a child who is disabled for whom they receive a disability premium within CTC or have a child under 5 years.
Universal Credit	<p>Entitled to a CWP under Universal Credit if they are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• not employed or self-employed; AND</li> <li>• they, or their partner, receive a limited capability for work element (with or without a work-related activity element); or</li> <li>• they receive the disabled child element within their assessment; or</li> <li>• have a child under 5 years.</li> </ul> <p>Universal Credit recipients who are employed or self-employed will only be eligible for CWPs if they have a disabled child or eligible young person in the family.</p>

**2.9.** A Cold Weather Payment award of £25 is made for each qualifying period of cold weather. In 2017-18 DWP made nearly 4,572,000 awards worth £114.3 million. The winter overall was not particularly cold, however there was one single cold period that triggered widespread payments.

**2.10.** The annual review of the Cold Weather Payments scheme took place in the summer of 2017. The review included: an assessment of the continuing availability of the weather stations used to provide temperature data for the scheme; whether any new stations were more suitable or should be introduced in addition to those that were currently being used; and the impact on weather station linkages of changes to the postcode system by the Royal Mail, as well as the general suitability of the existing linkages.

**2.11.** The Department fed representations from Members of Parliament and the public into the review and considered the Met Office's recommendations.

The review also:

- Established the continued availability of existing weather stations used to provide temperature data for the scheme;
- Identified if any new stations are more suitable and should be introduced as either primary or secondary weather stations; and
- Considered the effects of any Royal Mail changes to the postcode system.

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- 2.12.** For the start of the 2017-18 Cold Weather Payment scheme the Met Office did not recommend the replacement of any of the primary weather stations or the introduction of any additional new stations. Representations from Members of Parliament about the suitability of individual weather stations or their links with particular postcode districts were carefully considered.
- 2.13.** Cold Weather Payment statistics are in Annexes 1 and 3.

### **Winter Fuel Payments**

- 2.14.** Winter Fuel Payments help older people to meet heating costs. They are tax-free and do not affect entitlement to Social Security benefits.
- 2.15.** In 2017-18 Winter Fuel Payments were made to just under 12 million people at an estimated cost of £2 billion. Official Statistics on the number of Winter Fuel Payments made in 2017-18 were published on 19 September 2018.
- 2.16.** Households with someone who had reached State Pension age for women received £200 and households with someone aged 80 or over received £300.
- 2.17.** Most people who had reached the State Pension age for women in 2017-18 and who were normally living in Great Britain were eligible and qualified for the Winter Fuel Payment. People do not receive a payment if during the qualifying week they:
- were in prison
  - were in hospital receiving free treatment for more than 52 weeks
  - needed permission to enter the UK and do not qualify for help from DWP
  - had been living in a care home for the previous twelve weeks or more and receive Pension Credit, income-related Jobseeker's Allowance or income-related Employment and Support Allowance.
- 2.18.** The qualifying age for Winter Fuel Payments for men and women is increasing in line with the overall increase in State Pension age.
- 2.19.** Winter Fuel Payments are paid to people residing in the majority of the European Economic Area countries or Switzerland as long as they have a genuine and sufficient link with the UK. The qualifying week for winter 2017-18 payments was the week beginning 18 September 2017.
- 2.20.** It is estimated that over 95 per cent of payments were made automatically before Christmas 2017 without the need to claim. However, newly eligible people needed to make a claim if they were not receiving a Social Security benefit (or receiving only Housing Benefit, Council Tax Reduction, Child Benefit, or Universal Credit as a member of a couple) during the qualifying week.

## 3. The Discretionary Social Fund

### Budgeting Loans

- 3.1.** Budgeting Loans are interest-free loans which are repayable from benefit awards. They are designed to help people, who have been in receipt of a qualifying benefit for at least six months, with intermittent expenses that are considered difficult to budget for. The qualifying benefits are: Income Support, income-related Employment and Support Allowance, income based Jobseeker's Allowance, and Pension Credit.
- 3.2.** In 2017-18 over 1,095,000 awards were made to applicants in the form of Budgeting Loans, worth over £448 million.
- 3.3.** There is a single, nationally managed loans budget. This budget is controlled and managed at a national level to ensure that all Budgeting Loan applicants in the same circumstances are treated in a similar way with no regional variations. Since April 2013, this budget has been funded solely from recoveries without any additional Annually Managed Expenditure allocations.
- 3.4.** An on-line Budgeting Loan application facility was introduced in December 2016 and has led to a significant increase in claims that has continued throughout the period from April 2017 to March 2018.
- 3.5.** The Budgeting Loans scheme will remain in place for applicants in receipt of existing working age income-related benefits until they migrate to Universal Credit (at which point they may be eligible for a Budgeting Advance. A Budgeting Advance is not an award from the Social Fund).
- 3.6.** Budgeting Loan statistics are in Annexes 1, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 and 9.

## **4. General administration**

### **Reviews**

- 4.1.** A regulated Social Fund applicant who is dissatisfied with the initial decision on their application may apply to have the decision reviewed under a mandatory reconsideration within 14 days of the original decision.
- 4.2.** Applicants who remained dissatisfied are able to appeal the decision to Her Majesty's Courts and Tribunals Service (HMCTS). The data for 2017-18 is reported in Annex 9.
- 4.3.** A discretionary Social Fund applicant who is dissatisfied with the initial decision on their application may apply to have the decision reviewed under a mandatory reconsideration within 14 days of the original decision. Consideration is given to whether the law (including the Secretary of State's Directions and Guidance) has been applied correctly, and the case handled fairly and reasonably.
- 4.4.** A reviewing officer within Jobcentre Plus carries out the first review and the outcome is notified to the applicant. In 2017-18, Jobcentre Plus dealt with over 2,900 applications for first review.
- 4.5.** In 2017-18 applicants for Budgeting Loans who remained dissatisfied were able to ask for a further review by the office of the Independent Case Examiner (ICE). In 2017-18 ICE reviewed 131 reviewing officer decisions.
- 4.6.** Applications for Social Fund Budgeting Loans through the digital process has continued at a higher level throughout 2017-18.
- 4.7.** Budgeting loan refusals have increased from 15.69% in 2016-17 to 17.76% in 2017-18. Some functionality limitations with the on-line application have restricted the ability of the claim eligibility criteria to be effectively controlled. This has resulted in a higher number of claims disallowed for failing basic eligibility conditions. We are committed to improving the digital functionality of the claim process so that applications can be assessed correctly.

### **Performance Management and Improvement**

- 4.8.** During 2017-18 a number of internal management tools were used to measure the quality of Social Fund decision making for SSMG, FEP and Budgeting Loans. The focus of the check has continued to concentrate on complex decision making
- 4.9.** Internal management changes relating to the delivery of FEP were made to improve the focus on performance and quality of the claims delivery. Revised processes were introduced to target the accuracy of FEP during 2017-18 and will continue throughout 2018-19. These processes measure areas requiring improvements rather than looking at overall accuracy and are not comparable with previous years. The targeted measurement process is expected to reduce the number of successful reviews and improve the overall accuracy.

- 4.10.** Budgeting Loan and SSMG accuracy has remained high, 89.7% for Budgeting Loans and 96.2% for SSMG. The method of measuring the accuracy of FEP has changed during 2017-18. This new method is more accurate at targeting known issues. The measurement is therefore not compatible with the previous method still used for SSMG and Budgeting Loans. FEP are a complex area of work, the targeted measurement process of accuracy is expected to reduce successful reviews in the longer term by improving the overall accuracy. The measurement of accuracy for FEP under the new process is not comparable to measurements taken earlier in the year as it was highly limited and specifically targeted at new staff.

### **Clearance standards**

- 4.11.** Clearance standards for the operational delivery sites for Social Fund, and overall national performance, is monitored against a comprehensive set of clearance standards (see table). The table shows clearance against: the Average Actual Clearance Times (AACT) standard (column 3); the AACT standard plus two days (column 5); and the AACT standard plus 5 days (column 6). The AACT target for Budgeting Loans and SSMG were changed during 2017-18. The Budgeting Loan target was changed to reflect the challenges due to the increase in the number of claims. The change in the SSMG target relates to the assessment method of Universal Credit. The ongoing model for the measurement of FEP performance going forward is currently being reviewed. As a consequence some figures are not available for 2017-18.

<b>(1) Average Actual Clearance Times (AACT) (working days)</b>	<b>(2) AACT Standard</b>	<b>(3) Achieved in 2015-16</b>	<b>(4) % Cleared within AACT Standard</b>	<b>(5) % Cleared within AACT Standard plus 2 days</b>	<b>(6) % Cleared within AACT Standard plus 5 days</b>
Budgeting Loans	8 days	11.05	50.09	71.8	86.6
Funeral Expenses Payments	15 days	18.6	–	–	–
Sure Start Maternity Grants	10 days	6.41	92.2	93.7	95.6
Data sourced from DWP Management Information System (MISP) and DWP Social Fund Computer System (SFCS)					

**Management Information System Programme (MISP) and Social Fund Computer System (SFCS) are Departmental performance management, data capture and reporting tools. In accordance with the UK Statistics Authority's Code of Practice, this type of internal management information does not form part of the official statistics outputs that are released by the Department.**

## **5. Financial management**

### **Background**

- 5.1.** Payments from the regulated Social Fund are based on eligibility. Regulations prescribe the circumstances and amounts that are payable.
- 5.2.** National cash-limited budgets are allocated for Budgeting Loans.

### **The 2017-18 Discretionary Social Fund budget recoveries**

- 5.3.** £550.4 million (£504.3 million from Budgeting Loans, £46.1 million from Crisis Loans) was recovered through the repayment of loans.

### **The 2017-18 Regulated Social Fund budget recoveries**

- 5.4.** £0.1 million of Funeral Expenses Payments was recovered from estates.

## 6. Summary of financial performance

- 6.1.** In 2017-18 the Social Fund provided payments of just over £625.3 million, with an additional amount, of approximately £2 billion for Winter Fuel Payments paid in Great Britain to just under 12 million households.
- 6.2.** Compared to 2016-17 the 2017-18 figures show:
- Applications received for Sure Start Maternity Grant have decreased 10.36% from 112,000 in 2016-17 to 100,400 in 2017-18.
  - The proportion of Sure Start Maternity Grant decisions resulting in an initial award increased slightly in 2017-18 to 50.3% from 49% the previous year.
- 6.3.** Gross expenditure on Sure Start Maternity Grant for 2017-18 was £25.6 million.

### **The 2017-18 Budgeting Loans budget**

- 6.4.** In April 2017, a single national Budgeting Loans budget of £448.3million was allocated, composed entirely of loan recoveries. Budgeting Loan payments were able to increase beyond the initial budget due to the availability of increased loan recoveries achieved during the year to finance them.
- 6.5.** Loan recoveries during the year were £504.3 million against a forecast recovery of £496 million at the beginning of 2017-18. Recoveries provided 100% of the funds needed to meet gross loans expenditure.

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## Annex 1 : National Social Fund Summary Statistics

	Regulated Social Fund			Discretionary Social Fund	
	SSMG	CWP	FEP	BL	CL
<b>Applications received (000)</b>	100.4	n/a	40.8	1,402.1	n/a
<b>Initial decisions (000)</b>	100.3	n/a	40.6	1,401.5	n/a
<b>Awards (000)</b>	50.5	4,571.9	25.5	1,095.8	n/a
<b>Awards as % of initial decisions</b>	50.3	n/a	63.0	78.2	n/a
<b>Initial refusals (000)</b>	56.3	n/a	15.6	249.0	n/a
<b>Gross expenditure £m</b>	25.6	114.3	37.1	448.3	n/a
<b>Recoveries £m</b>	n/a	n/a	0.1	504.3	46.1
<b>Net expenditure £m</b>	25.6	114.3	37.0	-56.0	-46.1
<b>Average award £</b>	508	25	1,461	408	n/a

SSMG, FEP, BL and CL figures for gross expenditure, recoveries and net expenditure are taken from Social Fund Account 2017-18.

CWP figures for gross and net expenditure are taken from Social Fund Account 2017-18.

The figure for CWP awards is derived from the gross expenditure figure. This figure reflects the number of CWPs awards paid during the 2017-18 financial year, rather than the 2017-18 Cold Weather season, which can differ due to the timing of payments.

The CWP eligible caseload is also subject to change over the duration of the Cold Weather season. As a result, this figure is different to previously published estimates of awards for 2017-18.

### Key

SSMG = Sure Start Maternity Grant FEP = Funeral Expenses Payment BL = Budgeting Loan

CWP = Cold Weather Payment CL = Crisis Loan

### Notes

1. The average Sure Start Maternity Grant award is higher than the award value of £500 to reflect the additional award made for multiple births.
2. There is no requirement to claim Cold Weather Payments.
3. The Budgeting Loan award figures do not include awards made after review, reconsideration or appeal. However, the gross expenditure figure does include such awards.
4. For Sure Start Maternity Grants and Funeral Expense Payments, the average award value is calculated by dividing gross expenditure by the number of awards (including awards made on review, reconsideration or appeal).
5. The average Cold Weather Payment award is the amount paid to each qualifying individual every time an award is made. Qualifying individuals may receive more than one payment during each CWP season.
6. For Budgeting Loans, the average award value is calculated by dividing initial expenditure (which excludes the value of awards made on review, reconsideration or appeal) by the number of initial awards. The initial expenditure figure is not shown.
7. Differences between applications received, initial decisions, awards and initial refusals are due to applications being withdrawn; applicants rejecting or not responding to loan offers; and decisions outstanding at the time of the count.
8. The net expenditure for Budgeting Loans is negative as total recoveries have exceeded gross expenditure in 2017-18.
9. The Crisis Loan scheme ended in March 2013; the recoveries shown are in respect of outstanding loans made prior to this date.
10. Figures may not sum due to rounding.

## Annex 2a: Sure Start Maternity Grants and Funeral Expenses Payment – Awards by Claimant Group

Claimant Group	Sure Start Maternity Grants		Funeral Expenses Payment	
	Awards (000)	% of Total Awards	Awards (000)	% of Total Awards
<b>Pensioners</b>	~	~	7.8	30.7
<b>Unemployed</b>	1.7	3.4	2.5	9.9
<b>Disabled</b>	8.0	15.9	2.2	8.5
<b>Lone parents</b>	2.0	4.0	0.5	2.1
<b>Employed</b>	16.3	32.3	~	~
<b>Others</b>	22.4	44.4	12.4	48.5
<b>Total</b>	<b>50.4</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>25.5</b>	<b>100.0</b>

### Notes

1. Claimant group definitions are given in Annex 10.
2. These tables include awards made after review, reconsideration or appeal.
3. If an award is made to a claimant who received more than one qualifying benefit or tax credit, then the award is recorded under the qualifying benefit or tax credit which appears first in the table.
4. Figures may not sum due to rounding.
5. ~ represents volumes less than 50 or percentages less than 0.5%.
6. Awards are rounded to the nearest 100, percentages to the nearest 0.1%.

## Annex 2b: Sure Start Maternity Grants and Funeral Expenses Payment – Awards by Qualifying Benefit

Qualifying Benefit	Sure Start Maternity Grants		Funeral Expenses Payment	
	Awards (000)	% of Total Awards	Awards (000)	% of Total Awards
<b>Income Support, Employment and Support Allowance (income-related), Jobseekers Allowance (income-based), Universal Credit and Pension Credit</b>	34.2	67.8	19.2	75.0
<b>Child Tax Credit/Working Tax Credit (which includes a disability or a severe disability element)</b>	16.2	32.2	2.7	10.5
<b>Housing Benefit</b>	~	~	3.4	13.2
<b>Unknown</b>	~	~	0.4	1.4
<b>Total</b>	<b>50.5</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>25.5</b>	<b>100.0</b>

### Notes

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3. If an award is made to a claimant who receives more than one qualifying benefit or tax credit, then the award is recorded under the qualifying benefit or tax credit which appears first in the table above.
4. Figures and percentages may not sum due to rounding.
5. ~ represents less than 50 or percentages less than 0.5%.
6. Awards are rounded to the nearest 100, percentages to the nearest 0.1%.
7. Awards for which a qualifying benefit is not recorded on the DWP Policy, Budget and Management Information System are categorised as "Unknown".

## Annex 3: Cold Weather Payment information by weather station

Weather station	Parliamentary constituencies covered by each weather station	Number eligible for payment	Triggers	Number of payments	Expenditure (£m)	Number of payments to those in receipt of Pension Credit	Expenditure to those in receipt of Pension Credit (£m)
Aberporth	Carmarthen East and Dinefwr; Carmarthen West and South Pembrokeshire; Ceredigion; Preseli Pembrokeshire	4,000	1	4,000	0.1	2,000	0.1
Aboyne	Aberdeen North; Aberdeen South; Angus; Banff and Buchan; Gordon; Moray; West Aberdeenshire and Kincardine	7,000	5	33,000	0.8	15,000	0.4
Achnagart	Ross, Skye and Lochaber	1,000	1	1,000	0	1,000	0
Albemarle	Berwick-upon-Tweed; Bishop Auckland; Blaydon; Blyth Valley; City of Durham; Easington; Gateshead; Hexham; Houghton and Sunderland South; Jarrow; Newcastle upon Tyne Central; Newcastle upon Tyne East; Newcastle upon Tyne North; North Durham; North Tyneside; North West Durham; Sedgfield; South Shields; Stockton North; Stockton South; Sunderland Central; Tynemouth; Washington and Sunderland West	134,000	2	268,000	6.7	117,000	2.9

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Andrewsfield	Basildon and Billericay; Braintree; Brentwood and Ongar; Cambridge; Chelmsford; Epping Forest; Harlow; Hertford and Stortford; Hornchurch and Upminster; Huntingdon; Maldon; North East Bedfordshire; North East Cambridgeshire; North East Hertfordshire; Romford; Saffron Walden; South Basildon and East Thurrock; South Cambridgeshire; South East Cambridgeshire; West Suffolk; Witham	40,000	1	40,000	1	18,000	0.5
Auchincruive	Argyll and Bute; Ayr, Carrick and Cumnock; Central Ayrshire; Dumfries and Galloway; Kilmarnock and Loudoun; North Ayrshire and Arran	35,000	1	35,000	0.9	15,000	0.4
Aultbea	Ross, Skye and Lochaber	< 500	1	0	0	0	0
Aviemore	Inverness, Nairn, Badenoch and Strathspey; Moray	1,000	5	3,000	0.1	2,000	0
Bainbridge	Bishop Auckland; Darlington; North West Durham; Pendle; Penrith and The Border; Ribbles Valley; Richmond (Yorks); Skipton and Ripon	4,000	2	7,000	0.2	4,000	0.1

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Bedford	Banbury; Bedford; Buckingham; Corby; Daventry; Harborough; Hitchin and Harpenden; Huntingdon; Kenilworth and Southam; Kettering; Mid Bedfordshire; Milton Keynes North; Milton Keynes South; North East Bedfordshire; North East Hertfordshire; Northampton North; Northampton South; South Cambridgeshire; South Northamptonshire; South West Bedfordshire; Stevenage; Wellyingborough	62,000	1	62,000	1.5	27,000	0.7
Bingley	Batley and Spen; Bradford East; Bradford South; Bradford West; Burnley; Calder Valley; Colne Valley; Dewsbury; Halifax; Huddersfield; Hyndburn; Keighley; Leeds North East; Leeds North West; Morley and Outwood; Pendle; Penistone and Stocksbridge; Pudsey; Ribbles Valley; Rochdale; Rossendale and Darwen; Sheffield, Hallam; Shipley; Skipton and Ripon	80,000	3	240,000	6	100,000	2.5

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Boscombe Down	Devizes; East Hampshire; Eastleigh; Meon Valley; New Forest East; New Forest West; North Dorset; North West Hampshire; Romsey and Southampton North; Salisbury; Somerton and Frome; South West Wiltshire; Winchester	12,000	1	12,000	0.3	6,000	0.1
Braemar	Angus; Perth and North Perthshire; West Aberdeenshire and Kincardine	1,000	7	8,000	0.2	4,000	0.1
Brize Norton	Banbury; Buckingham; Henley; Newbury; Oxford East; Oxford West and Abingdon; South Northamptonshire; The Cotswolds; Wantage; Witney; Wycombe	17,000	1	17,000	0.4	7,000	0.2
Capel Curig	Aberconwy; Clwyd West; Dwyfor Meirionnydd	1,000	1	1,000	0	0	0

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Cardinham (Bodmin)	North Cornwall; South East Cornwall; St Austell and Newquay; Torridge and West Devon; Truro and Falmouth	14,000	1	14,000	0.3	7,000	0.2
Carlisle	Carlisle; Dumfriesshire, Clydesdale and Tweeddale; Hexham; Penrith and The Border; Workington	9,000	2	19,000	0.5	8,000	0.2
Cassley	Caithness, Sutherland and Easter Ross	< 500	1	0	0	0	0
Charlwood	Arundel and South Downs; Ashford; Bexhill and Battle; Brighton, Kemptown; Chatham and Aylesford; Chichester; Crawley; Dartford; East Surrey; East Worthing and Shoreham; Faversham and Mid Kent; Gravesham; Guildford; Horsham; Lewes; Maidstone and The Weald; Mid Sussex; Mole Valley; Orpington; Reigate; Sevenoaks; South West Surrey; Tonbridge and Malling; Tunbridge Wells; Wealden	43,000	1	43,000	1.1	19,000	0.5
Charterhall	Berwickshire, Roxburgh and Selkirk; Berwick-upon-Tweed; Dumfriesshire, Clydesdale and Tweeddale; East Lothian	6,000	2	11,000	0.3	5,000	0.1
Chivenor	North Cornwall; North Devon; Torridge and West Devon	9,000	0	0	0	0	0

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Coleshill	Aldridge-Brownhills; Birmingham, Edgbaston; Birmingham, Erdington; Birmingham, Hall Green; Birmingham, Hodge Hill; Birmingham, Ladywood; Birmingham, Northfield; Birmingham, Perry Barr; Birmingham, Selly Oak; Birmingham, Yardley; Bosworth; Bromsgrove; Cannock Chase; Coventry North East; Coventry North West; Coventry South; Daventry; Dudley North; Dudley South; Halesowen and Rowley Regis; Kenilworth and Southam; Lichfield; Ludlow; Meriden; Mid Worcestershire; North Warwickshire; North West Leicestershire; Nuneaton; Redditch; Rugby; Solihull; South Leicestershire; South Staffordshire; Stafford; Stourbridge; Stratford-on-Avon; Sutton Coldfield; Tamworth; The Wrekin; Walsall North; Walsall South; Warley; Warwick and Leamington; West Bromwich East; West Bromwich West; West Worcestershire; Wolverhampton North East; Wolverhampton South East; Wolverhampton South West; Wyre Forest	289,000	1	289,000	7.2	125,000	3.1

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Crosby	Birkenhead; Blackburn; Blackpool North and Cleveleys; Blackpool South; Bootle; Chorley; City of Chester; Ellesmere Port and Neston; Fylde; Garston and Halewood; Halton; Knowsley; Lancaster and Fleetwood; Liverpool, Riverside; Liverpool, Walton; Liverpool, Wavertree; Liverpool, West Derby; Preston; Ribble Valley; Sefton Central; Selby and Ainsty; South Ribble; Southport; St Helens South and Whiston; Wallasey; West Lancashire; Wirral South; Wirral West; Wyre and Preston North	176,000	1	176,000	4.4	74,000	1.8
Culdrose	Camborne and Redruth; North Cornwall; St Austell and Newquay; St Ives; Truro and Falmouth	21,000	0	0	0	0	0
Dunkeswell Aerodrome	Central Devon; East Devon; Exeter; Taunton Deane; Tiverton and Honiton; West Dorset; Yeovil	5,000	1	5,000	0.1	3,000	0.1
Dunstaffnage	Argyll and Bute; Na h-Eileanan an Iar; Ross, Skye and Lochaber	1,000	0	0	0	0	0
Dyce	Aberdeen North; Aberdeen South; Banff and Buchan; Gordon; West Aberdeenshire and Kincardine	17,000	2	33,000	0.8	12,000	0.3

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Edinburgh Gogarbank	Airdrie and Shotts; Berwickshire, Roxburgh and Selkirk; Cumbernauld, Kilsyth and Kirkintilloch East; Dumfriesshire, Clydesdale and Tweeddale; Dunfermline and West Fife; East Lothian; Edinburgh East; Edinburgh North and Leith; Edinburgh South; Edinburgh South West; Edinburgh West; Falkirk; Kirkcaldy and Cowdenbeath; Lanark and Hamilton East; Linlithgow and East Falkirk; Livingston; Midlothian; Ochil and South Perthshire; Stirling	72,000	2	145,000	3.6	54,000	1.4
Eskdalemuir	Berwickshire, Roxburgh and Selkirk; Dumfries and Galloway; Dumfriesshire, Clydesdale and Tweeddale; Penrith and The Border	5,000	5	23,000	0.6	11,000	0.3
Exeter Airport	Central Devon; East Devon; Exeter; Newton Abbot; South West Devon; Tiverton and Honiton; Torbay; Totnes	32,000	1	32,000	0.8	15,000	0.4
Filton	Bristol East; Bristol North West; Bristol South; Bristol West; Filton and Bradley Stoke; Forest of Dean; Kingswood; Ludlow; Monmouth; Newport East; North East Somerset; North Somerset; Stroud; The Cotswolds; Thornbury and Yate; Wells; Weston-Super-Mare	56,000	1	56,000	1.4	22,000	0.6
Fylingdales	Richmond (Yorks); Scarborough and Whitby; Thirsk and Malton; York Central	3,000	3	9,000	0.2	5,000	0.1

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Gravesend	Barking; Basildon and Billericay; Beckenham; Bexleyheath and Crayford; Brentwood and Ongar; Bromley and Chislehurst; Castle Point; Chatham and Aylesford; Dagenham and Rainham; Dartford; Eltham; Erith and Thamesmead; Faversham and Mid Kent; Gillingham and Rainham; Gravesham; Hornchurch and Upminster; Ilford North; Ilford South; Maldon; Old Bexley and Sidcup; Orpington; Rayleigh and Wickford; Rochester and Strood; Rochford and Southend East; Romford; Sevenoaks; Sittingbourne and Sheppey; South Basildon and East Thurrock; Southend West; Thurrock	106,000	1	106,000	2.7	45,000	1.1
Hawarden Airport	Alyn and Deeside; City of Chester; Clwyd South; Clwyd West; Delyn; Eddisbury; Ellesmere Port and Neston; North Shropshire; Vale of Clwyd; Wrexham	25,000	1	25,000	0.6	11,000	0.3

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Heathrow	Barking; Battersea; Beaconsfield; Beckenham; Bermondsey and Old Southwark; Bethnal Green and Bow; Brent Central; Brent North; Brentford and Isleworth; Brentwood and Ongar; Bromley and Chislehurst; Broxbourne; Camberwell and Peckham; Carshalton and Wallington; Chelsea and Fulham; Chingford and Woodford Green; Chipping Barnet; Cities of London and Westminster; Croydon Central; Croydon North; Croydon South; Dulwich and West Norwood; Ealing Central and Acton; Ealing North; Ealing, Southall; East Ham; East Surrey; Edmonton; Eltham; Enfield North; Enfield, Southgate; Epping Forest; Epsom and Ewell; Erith and Thamesmead; Esher and Walton; Feltham and Heston; Finchley and Golders Green; Greenwich and Woolwich; Hackney North and Stoke Newington; Hackney South and Shoreditch; Hammersmith; Hampstead and Kilburn; Harlow; Harrow East; Harrow West; Hayes and Harlington; Hendon; Hertford and Stortford; Hertsmere; Holborn and St Pancras; Hornsey and Wood Green; Ilford North; Ilford South; Islington North; Islington South and Finsbury; Kensington; Kingston and	476,000	1	476,000	11.9	207,000	5.2

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Hereford-Credenhill	Surbiton; Lewisham East; Lewisham West and Penge; Lewisham, Deptford; Leyton and Wanstead; Mitcham and Morden; Mole Valley; Newbury; Old Bexley and Sidcup; Orpington; Poplar and Limehouse; Putney; Reigate; Richmond Park; Ruislip, Northwood and Pinner; Runnymede and Weybridge; Slough; South West Hertfordshire; Spelthorne; St Albans; Streatham; Sutton and Cheam; Tooting; Tottenham; Twickenham; Uxbridge and South Ruislip; Vauxhall; Walthamstow; Watford; West Ham; Westminster North; Wimbledon; Windsor; Woking	52,000	1	52,000	1.3	24,000	0.6
Herstmonceux West End	Brecon and Radnorshire; Cheltenham; Forest of Dean; Gloucester; Hereford and South Herefordshire; Ludlow; Mid Worcestershire; Monmouth; North Herefordshire; Redditch; Stratford-on-Avon; Stroud; Tewkesbury; The Cotswolds; West Worcestershire; Worcester; Wyre Forest	26,000	1	26,000	0.7	12,000	0.3

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High Wycombe	Aylesbury; Banbury; Beaconsfield; Buckingham; Chesham and Amersham; Henley; Maidenhead; South West Hertfordshire; Wycombe	15,000	1	15,000	0.4	7,000	0.2
Hurn	Bournemouth East; Bournemouth West; Christchurch; Mid Dorset and North Poole; New Forest East; New Forest West; North Dorset; Poole; Salisbury; South Dorset; West Dorset	36,000	1	36,000	0.9	17,000	0.4
Isle of Portland	South Dorset; West Dorset	5,000	0	0	0	0	0
Keele	Burton; Congleton; Crewe and Nantwich; Derbyshire Dales; Eddisbury; Lichfield; Macclesfield; Newcastle-under-Lyme; North Shropshire; South Staffordshire; Stafford; Staffordshire Moorlands; Stoke-on-Trent Central; Stoke-on-Trent North; Stoke-on-Trent South; Stone; The Wrekin	46,000	2	91,000	2.3	38,000	0.9
Kinloss	Banff and Buchan; Caithness, Sutherland and Easter Ross; Inverness, Nairn, Badenoch and Strathspey; Moray; Ross, Skye and Lochaber	12,000	1	12,000	0.3	6,000	0.1
Kirkwall	Orkney and Shetland	1,000	0	0	0	0	0
Lake Vyrnwy	Clwyd South; Clwyd West; Dwyfor Meirionnydd; Ludlow; Montgomeryshire; North Shropshire; Shrewsbury and Atcham	5,000	2	10,000	0.2	5,000	0.1

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Langdon Bay	Ashford; Canterbury; Dover; Faversham and Mid Kent; Folkestone and Hythe; Gillingham and Rainham; North Thanet; Sittingbourne and Sheppey; South Thanet	50,000	1	50,000	1.2	22,000	0.6
Leconfield	Beverley and Holderness; Brigg and Goole; Doncaster North; East Yorkshire; Haltemprice and Howden; Kingstun upon Hull East; Kingstun upon Hull North; Kingstun upon Hull West and Hessle; Scarborough and Whitby; Selby and Ainsty; Thirsk and Malton	51,000	1	51,000	1.3	22,000	0.6
Leek	Burton; Derbyshire Dales; Hazel Grove; High Peak; Macclesfield; North East Derbyshire; Staffordshire Moorlands; Stalybridge and Hyde; Stockport; Stoke-on-Trent Central; Stoke-on-Trent North; Stone	10,000	2	20,000	0.5	10,000	0.2
Lerwick	Orkney and Shetland	1,000	1	1,000	0	0	0
Leuchars	Angus; Dundee East; Dundee West; Glenrothes; Kirkcaldy and Cowdenbeath; North East Fife; Ochil and South Perthshire; Perth and North Perthshire; West Aberdeenshire and Kincardine	34,000	1	34,000	0.8	13,000	0.3

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Liscombe	Bridgwater and West Somerset; Central Devon; North Devon; Tiverton and Honiton	4,000	1	4,000	0.1	2,000	0.1
Little Rissington	Banbury; Cheltenham; Henley; Kenilworth and Southam; Mid Worcestershire; Oxford West and Abingdon; South Northamptonshire; Stratford-on-Avon; Tewkesbury; The Cotswolds; West Worcestershire; Witney	6,000	1	6,000	0.2	3,000	0.1
Llysdinam	Brecon and Radnorshire; Carmarthen East and Dinefwr; Ludlow; Montgomeryshire; North Herefordshire	4,000	2	9,000	0.2	5,000	0.1
Loch Glascarnoch	Caithness, Sutherland and Easter Ross; Inverness, Nairn, Badenoch and Strathspey; Ross, Skye and Lochaber	1,000	7	6,000	0.1	3,000	0.1

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Loftus	Easington; Hartlepool; Middlesbrough; Middlesbrough South and East Cleveland; Redcar; Richmond (Yorks); Scarborough and Whitby; Sedgfield; Stockton North; Stockton South	54,000	1	54,000	1.3	21,000	0.5
Machrihanish	Argyll and Bute; North Ayrshire and Arran	1,000	0	0	0	0	0
Marham	Boston and Skegness; Broadland; Bury St Edmunds; Mid Norfolk; North East Cambridgeshire; North West Norfolk; Peterborough; Saffron Walden; South Cambridgeshire; South East Cambridgeshire; South Holland and The Deepings; South West Norfolk; West Suffolk	24,000	1	24,000	0.6	12,000	0.3
Mona	Aberconwy; Arfon; Dwyfor Meirionnydd; Ynys Môn	12,000	1	12,000	0.3	6,000	0.2
Morpeth, Cockle Park	Berwick-upon-Tweed; Blyth Valley; Hexham; Wansbeck	13,000	1	13,000	0.3	5,000	0.1
North Wyke	Central Devon; Exeter; Newton Abbot; North Cornwall; North Devon; South West Devon; Torridge and West Devon; Totnes	8,000	1	8,000	0.2	4,000	0.1

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Nottingham Watnall	Amber Valley; Ashfield; Bassetlaw; Bolsover; Bosworth; Broxtowe; Burton; Charnwood; Corby; Daventry; Derby North; Derby South; Derbyshire Dales; Erewash; Gedling; Grantham and Stamford; Harborough; Kettering; Leicester East; Leicester South; Leicester West; Lichfield; Loughborough; Mansfield; Mid Derbyshire; Newark; North East Derbyshire; North West Leicestershire; Nottingham East; Nottingham North; Nottingham South; Nuneaton; Rugby; Rushcliffe; Rutland and Melton; Sherwood; Sleaford and North Hykeham; South Derbyshire; South Leicestershire; Staffordshire Moorlands	168,000	1	168,000	4.2	70,000	1.7
Pembrey Sands	Aberavon; Carmarthen East and Dinefwr; Carmarthen West and South Pembrokeshire; Gower; Llanelli; Neath; Preseli Pembrokeshire; Swansea East; Swansea West	42,000	0	0	0	0	0
Plymouth	Plymouth, Moor View; Plymouth, Sutton and Devonport; South East Cornwall; South West Devon; Torridge and West Devon; Totnes	23,000	0	0	0	0	0
Redesdale	Berwick-upon-Tweed; Carlisle; City of Durham; Hexham; North West Durham; Penrith and The Border	4,000	4	17,000	0.4	8,000	0.2
Rhyl	Aberconwy; Clwyd West; Delyn; Vale of Clwyd	17,000	1	17,000	0.4	8,000	0.2

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Rochdale	Ashton-under-Lyne; Blackley and Broughton; Bolton North East; Bolton South East; Bolton West; Bury North; Bury South; Calder Valley; Chorley; Denton and Reddish; Heywood and Middleton; Manchester Central; Oldham East and Saddleworth; Oldham West and Royton; Rochdale; Rossendale and Darwen; Stalybridge and Hyde; Worsley and Eccles South	72,000	1	72,000	1.8	29,000	0.7

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Rostherne	Altrincham and Sale West; Ashton-under-Lyne; Blackley and Broughton; Bolton South East; Bolton West; Bury South; Cheadle; Chorley; Congleton; Crewe and Nantwich; Denton and Reddish; Eddisbury; Ellesmere Port and Neston; Garston and Halewood; Halton; Hazel Grove; Heywood and Middleton; High Peak; Knowsley; Leigh; Macclesfield; Makerfield; Manchester Central; Manchester, Gorton; Manchester, Withington; Oldham West and Royton; Salford and Eccles; South Ribble; St Helens North; St Helens South and Whiston; Staffordshire Moorlands; Stalybridge and Hyde; Stockport; Stretford and Urmston; Tatton; Warrington North; Warrington South; Weaver Vale; West Lancashire; Wigan; Worsley and Eccles South; Wythenshawe and Sale East	192,000	1	192,000	4.8	79,000	2

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Rothamsted	Broxbourne; Buckingham; Chesham and Amersham; Chipping Barnet; Enfield North; Enfield, Southgate; Harrow East; Hemel Hempstead; Hertford and Stortford; Hertsmere; Hitchin and Harpenden; Luton North; Luton South; Mid Bedfordshire; North East Hertfordshire; Ruislip, Northwood and Pinner; South West Bedfordshire; South West Hertfordshire; St Albans; Stevenage; Watford; Welwyn Hatfield	53,000	1	53,000	1.3	22,000	0.6
St. Athan	Aberavon; Brecon and Radnorshire; Bridgend; Caerphilly; Cardiff Central; Cardiff North; Cardiff South and Penarth; Cardiff West; Cynon Valley; Islwyn; Monmouth; Neath; Newport East; Newport West; Ogmore; Pontypridd; Swansea West; Vale of Glamorgan	73,000	1	73,000	1.8	27,000	0.7
St. Bees Head	Copeland; Workington	8,000	1	8,000	0.2	3,000	0.1
Salsburgh	Airdrie and Shotts; Berwickshire, Roxburgh and Selkirk; Coatbridge, Chryston and Bellshill; Cumbernauld, Kilsyth and Kirkintilloch East; Dumfriesshire, Clydesdale and Tweeddale; East Kilbride, Strathaven and Lesmahagow; Falkirk; Lanark and Hamilton East; Linlithgow and East Falkirk; Midlothian; Motherwell and Wishaw; Rutherglen and Hamilton West	34,000	4	134,000	3.4	55,000	1.4
Scilly St. Marys	St Ives	< 100	0	0	0	0	0

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Shap	Copeland; Penrith and The Border; Richmond (Yorks); Westmorland and Lonsdale; Workington	4,000	4	17,000	0.4	9,000	0.2
Shawbury	Clwyd South; Eddisbury; Ludlow; Montgomeryshire; North Shropshire; Shrewsbury and Atcham; Stafford; Stone; Telford; The Wrekin	24,000	2	48,000	1.2	22,000	0.6
Sheffield	Barnsley Central; Barnsley East; Bassetlaw; Batley and Spen; Bolsover; Brigg and Goole; Calder Valley; Chesterfield; Colne Valley; Derbyshire Dales; Dewsbury; Don Valley; Doncaster Central; Doncaster North; Elmet and Rothwell; Hemsworth; Huddersfield; Morley and Outwood; Newark; Normanton, Pontefract and Castleford; North East Derbyshire; Penistone and Stocksbridge; Rother Valley; Rotherham; Selby and Ainsty; Sheffield Central; Sheffield South East; Sheffield, Brightside and Hillsborough; Sheffield, Hallam; Sheffield, Heeley; Wakefield; Wentworth and Dearne	173,000	1	173,000	4.3	69,000	1.7

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South Farnborough	Aldershot; Arundel and South Downs; Basingstoke; Beaconsfield; Bracknell; Chichester; East Hampshire; Guildford; Henley; Maidenhead; Meon Valley; Mole Valley; Newbury; North East Hampshire; North West Hampshire; Reading East; Reading West; Runnymede and Weybridge; Slough; South West Surrey; Surrey Heath; Wantage; Winchester; Windsor; Woking; Wokingham	61,000	1	61,000	1.5	27,000	0.7
Stonyhurst	Blackburn; Chorley; Hyndburn; Lancaster and Fleetwood; Morecambe and Lunesdale; Pendle; Ribble Valley; Rossendale and Darwen; Skipton and Ripon; Westmorland and Lonsdale	24,000	1	24,000	0.6	10,000	0.2
Stornoway	Na h-Eileanan an Iar	2,000	0	0	0	0	0
Strathallan	Argyll and Bute; Dunfermline and West Fife; Glenrothes; Kirkcaldy and Cowdenbeath; North East Fife; Ochil and South Perthshire; Perth and North Perthshire; Stirling; West Dunbartonshire	14,000	3	41,000	1	17,000	0.4

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Thorney Island	Arundel and South Downs; Bognor Regis and Littlehampton; Brighton, Kempdown; Brighton, Pavilion; Chichester; East Hampshire; East Worthing and Shoreham; Eastleigh; Fareham; Gosport; Havant; Hove; Isle of Wight; Lewes; Meon Valley; New Forest East; New Forest West; North West Hampshire; Portsmouth North; Portsmouth South; Romsey and Southampton North; Salisbury; Southampton, Itchen; Southampton, Test; Wealden; Winchester; Worthing West	111,000	1	111,000	2.8	49,000	1.2
Threave	Ayr, Carrick and Cumnock; Dumfries and Galloway; Dumfriesshire, Clydesdale and Tweeddale	6,000	2	12,000	0.3	6,000	0.1
Tibenham	Broadland; Great Yarmouth; Mid Norfolk; North Norfolk; North West Norfolk; Norwich North; Norwich South; South Norfolk; South West Norfolk; Suffolk Coastal; Waveney	46,000	1	46,000	1.1	22,000	0.6
Tiree	Argyll and Bute; Ross, Skye and Lochaber	< 100	0	0	0	0	0
Trawsgoed	Brecon and Radnorshire; Ceredigion; Dwyfor Meirionnydd; Montgomeryshire	3,000	1	3,000	0.1	2,000	0
Tredegar	Blaenau Gwent; Brecon and Radnorshire; Caerphilly; Cardiff North; Carmarthen East and Dinefwr; Cynon Valley; Islwyn; Merthyr Tydfil and Rhymney; Monmouth; Neath; Ogmore; Pontypridd; Rhondda; Torfaen	60,000	3	180,000	4.5	70,000	1.7

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Weather station	Parliamentary constituencies covered by each weather station	Number eligible for payment	Triggers	Number of payments	Expenditure (£m)	Number of payments to those in receipt of Pension Credit	Expenditure to those in receipt of Pension Credit (£m)
Tulloch Bridge	Argyll and Bute; Inverness, Nairn, Badenoch and Strathspey; Perth and North Perthshire; Ross, Skye and Lochaber; Stirling	2,000	5	8,000	0.2	4,000	0.1
Waddington	Bassetlaw; Boston and Skegness; Brigg and Goole; Cleethorpes; Don Valley; Doncaster Central; Gainsborough; Grantham and Stamford; Great Grimsby; Lincoln; Louth and Horncastle; Newark; Scunthorpe; Selby and Ainsty; Sleaford and North Hykeham; South Holland and The Deepings	65,000	1	65,000	1.6	30,000	0.8
Walney Island	Barrow and Furness; Copeland; Lancaster and Fleetwood; Morecambe and Lunesdale; Westmorland and Lonsdale	14,000	0	0	0	0	0
Wattisham	Braintree; Bury St Edmunds; Central Suffolk and North Ipswich; Clacton; Colchester; Harwich and North Essex; Ipswich; South East Cambridgeshire; South Norfolk; South Suffolk; South West Norfolk; Suffolk Coastal; Waveney; West Suffolk; Witham	52,000	1	52,000	1.3	25,000	0.6
Westonbirt	Bath; Chippenham; Devizes; Kingswood; Newbury; North East Somerset; North Swindon; North Wiltshire; Somerton and Frome; South Swindon; South West Wiltshire; Stroud; The Cotswolds; Thornbury and Yate; Wantage; Wells; Witney	33,000	1	33,000	0.8	16,000	0.4
Wick	Caithness, Sutherland and Easter Ross	2,000	1	2,000	0.1	1,000	0

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Wittering	Boston and Skegness; Corby; Grantham and Stamford; Huntingdon; Kettering; North East Bedfordshire; North East Cambridgeshire; North West Cambridgeshire; Peterborough; Rutland and Melton; South East Cambridgeshire; South Holland and The Deepings	28,000	1	28,000	0.7	12,000	0.3
Yeovilton	Bridgwater and West Somerset; North Dorset; Somerton and Frome; Taunton Deane; Tiverton and Honiton; Wells; West Dorset; Weston-Super-Mare; Yeovil	24,000	1	24,000	0.6	13,000	0.3
Great Britain	-	3,888,000	140	4,747,000	118.7	2,026,000	50.7

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**Notes**

1. Cold Weather Payments are paid automatically – eligible recipients do not make a claim to receive payment.
2. A Cold Weather Payment is made to an eligible customer when the average temperature has been recorded as, or is forecasted to be, 0°C or below over seven consecutive days at the weather station linked to the customer's postcode (when the temperature criterion is met, the weather station is said to trigger).
3. Cold Weather Payments are made to benefit units. A benefit unit can be a single person or a couple and can include children.
4. Cold Weather Payment figures are taken from Departmental records.
5. The number of eligible benefit units linked to each weather station is an estimate.
6. The number of payments and expenditure are estimates and do not include payments made clerically.
7. The number of eligible benefit units and payments made are rounded to the nearest 100.
8. The weather stations are mapped to Parliamentary Constituency by postcode.
9. Most weather stations will cover areas in more than one Parliamentary Constituency.
10. Figures may not sum due to rounding.
11. The total number of payments differ from Annex 1 (which are taken from The Social Fund Account), whereas these figures are based on estimates for eligible recipients.

## Annex 4: Budgeting Loans by Jobcentre Plus Social Fund Budget Area

Jobcentre Plus Social Fund budget area by region	Applications Received	Awards	Gross Expenditure £m
<b>East of England</b>			
Essex	30,400	24,000	10.3
Norwich BDC	61,600	47,300	20.3
<b>East Midlands</b>			
East Midlands North	47,300	38,000	15.6
South East Midlands	51,000	40,600	16.7
<b>London</b>			
Central and East London	27,400	20,600	8.8
London South	49,700	38,500	16.9
North and North East London	26,100	19,800	8.7
West London	20,000	15,500	6.7
<b>North East</b>			
Northumbria	41,700	32,200	12.5
South Tyne and Wear Valley	39,100	30,600	11.8
Tees Valley	29,900	23,400	9.3
<b>North West</b>			
Chorlton BDC	126,200	97,100	38.6
Greater Liverpool and Cheshire	85,500	68,900	27.0
<b>Scotland</b>			
Inverness BDC	41,600	31,800	12.6
Springburn BDC	116,400	92,800	37.3
<b>South East</b>			
South East – Berkshire, Oxfordshire, Buckinghamshire and Surrey	30,400	23,600	10.7
South East – Hampshire, Kent and Sussex	87,400	68,900	29.9
<b>South West</b>			
South West Central	78,000	59,100	25.1
<b>Wales</b>			
Llanelli BDC	25,300	21,100	8.6
South East Wales	72,500	54,900	22.8

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<b>West Midlands</b>			
West Midlands SF	152,200	118,900	48.8
<b>Yorkshire and Humberside</b>			
Y & H Bradford	45,800	36,500	14.8
Y & H Sheffield	116,600	91,500	36.6

**Notes**

1. Summing expenditure will give a different total figure to that in Annex 1 as data is obtained from the Policy Budget and Management Information System rather than the Social Fund Account 2017-18.
2. The award figures do not include awards made after review, reconsideration or appeal. However, the gross expenditure figure does include such awards.
3. Applications and awards are rounded to the nearest 100; expenditure is rounded to the nearest £100,000.
4. Figures may not sum to the national totals shown elsewhere due to rounding.

## Annex 5 : Budgeting Loans – Expenditure by Claimant Group

Claimant Group	Budgeting Loans	
	Expenditure (£m)	% of Total Awards
Pensioners	22.7	5
Unemployed	92.9	20.6
Disabled	135.7	30.1
Lone parents	160.2	35.6
Others	38.8	8.6
<b>Total</b>	<b>450.3</b>	<b>100</b>

### Notes

1. Total expenditure figure differs from Annex 1 as data is obtained from the Policy Budget and Management Information System rather than the Social Fund Account 2017-18.
2. Claimant group definitions are given in Annex 10.
3. Expenditure includes awards made on review, reconsideration or appeal.
4. Expenditure figures are rounded to the nearest £100,000; percentages to the nearest 0.1%.
5. Figures may not sum due to rounding.

## Annex 6: Budgeting Loans – Initial Awards by Family Composition

Family Type	Number of awards (000)	Gross Expenditure (£m)	Average award (£)	% of total number of awards		% of total gross expenditure	
				2016-17	2017-18	2016-17	2017-18
Single person, no children	481.7	138.3	287	44.9	44.0	30.6	31.0
Couple, no children	60.5	22.4	371	5.8	5.5	5.1	5.0
Single person or couple with children	551.4	285.6	518	49.3	50.4	64.3	64.0

### Notes

1. Summing expenditure will give a different total figure to that in Annex 1 as this data is obtained from Policy Budget and Management Information System rather than the Social Fund Account 2017-18.
2. There were around 2,000 records where the information used to determine family type was not recorded. These figures are not included in the above table, and so these figures will not produce the same totals as in other Annexes. The records not included account for 0.2% of the total number of awards.
3. This table does not include awards or expenditure made on review, reconsideration or appeal.
4. Award volumes are rounded to the nearest 1,000; expenditure to the nearest £100,000; average award values to the nearest £1 and percentages to the nearest 0.1%.
5. Figures may not sum due to rounding.

## Annex 7: Budgeting Loans – Reasons for initial refusal by Applicant Group

### Counts

	Pensioners	Disabled	Lone Parents	Unemployed	Others	Total
Outstanding debt	1,400	31,500	13,200	30,900	9,700	86,600
Not in receipt of a qualifying benefit	800	29,000	2,600	13,700	33,800	79,900
Not in receipt of a qualifying benefit for 26 weeks	300	20,300	21,000	28,900	9,700	80,300
Other	300	900	200	500	200	2,200
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,800</b>	<b>81,700</b>	<b>37,000</b>	<b>74,000</b>	<b>53,400</b>	<b>248,900</b>

### Percentages

	Pensioners	Disabled	Lone Parents	Unemployed	Others	Total
Outstanding debt	50.5	38.5	35.7	41.7	18.1	34.8
Not in receipt of a qualifying benefit	28.1	35.5	7.1	18.5	63.4	32.1
Not in receipt of a qualifying benefit for 26 weeks	12.3	24.9	56.5	39.1	18.1	32.2
Other	9.0	1.1	0.6	0.7	0.4	0.9
<b>Total</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>

### Notes

1. Claimant group definitions are given in Annex 10.
2. The qualifying benefits are Income Support, income-related Employment and Support Allowance, income-based Jobseeker's Allowance and Pension Credit.
3. The number of refusals are rounded to the nearest 100; percentages to the nearest 0.1%.
4. Figures may not sum due to rounding.

## Annex 8 : Summary of Budgeting Loan Review Applications – Data

First Reviews	Budgeting Loans
Number of applications for first review	2,900
Number of decisions revised at first review	400
Percentage of applications revised at first review	13.8

### Notes

1. The numbers of applications and decisions are rounded to the nearest 100; the percentage to the nearest 0.1%.
2. Percentage revised is based on unrounded figures

## Annex 9 : Social Fund Appeals Data

(Supplied by HM Courts and Tribunals Service)

	Social Fund Appeals Dealt with at the First Tier Tribunal April 2016 to March 2017					
	Number of Receipts	Number of Disposals	Number Decided without a Hearing	Number Heard and Decided at Hearing	Number Decided in Appellant's Favour	Percentage Decided in Appellant's Favour
Social Fund (Funeral Payments)	305	323	69	254	64	25%
Social Fund (Maternity)	109	104	27	77	9	12%
<b>Total</b>	<b>414</b>	<b>427</b>	<b>96</b>	<b>331</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>22%</b>

### Notes

Percentage found in favour at hearing is based on the number heard and decided at hearing.

The data is a subset of official statistics.

## **Annex 10 : Client Groups**

Social Fund payments are wide-ranging from payments to help with intermittent unexpected expenses (mainly to those in receipt of qualifying benefits), to payments aimed at certain groups to help with particular events. The fund does not therefore fall exclusively into any one of the Departmental client groups of Children, Working Age and Older People, although Social Fund payments are either paid to, or benefit, all of these groups. Some statistics in this report are shown by applicant or claimant groups that fall into one or more of the wider client groups.

### **Applicant or Claimant Group definitions**

**Pensioners** Includes:

- applicant or partner at minimum state pension age or over with Pension Credit
- applicant or partner at minimum state pension age or over in receipt of state retirement pension

Includes also where applicant is under minimum state pension age and partner is:

- minimum state pension age or over with Income Support (IS) pensioner premium
- 80 or over with IS higher pensioner premium
- minimum state pension age to 79, disabled with IS higher pensioner premium

**Unemployed** Includes:

- unemployed or with training allowance.

**Disabled** Includes:

- in receipt of Employment and Support Allowance
- applicant or partner aged under minimum state pension age with IS disability premium
- lone parent with IS disability premium
- family with IS disability premium
- others with IS disability premium
- in receipt of other benefit for incapacity or disablement

**Lone parent** Includes:

- person who has no partner and is receiving Income Support because they are responsible for a child.

**Others** Includes:

- others;
- involved in a trade dispute;
- in paid employment (apart from in Annex 2 where this group is treated separately);
- not known or unallocated.

Note: It is possible that an applicant who is unemployed may receive a disability or pensioner premium. Such an applicant would be counted as unemployed.

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