

## Housing Benefit Circular

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### SUBSIDY CIRCULAR

<b>WHO SHOULD READ</b>	All Housing Benefit (HB) Officers preparing claims for Discretionary Housing Payments (DHPs) and Finance Managers.
<b>ACTION</b>	For information only
<b>SUBJECT</b>	Additional funding to meet the costs of implementing welfare reform changes in 2013/14

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## **Additional funding to meet the costs of implementing welfare reform changes in 2013/14**

### **Introduction**

1. This circular is to inform you of additional funding of £24.1m that has been secured to support the costs of implementing welfare reform changes in 2013/14.
2. The funding is intended to meet “New Burdens” incurred by local authorities (LAs) as a result of the implementation of the following areas of welfare reform:
  - a. Implementation of changes to Local Housing Allowance (LHA) (including the move to an annual uprating cycle and changes to the Shared Accommodation Rate)
  - b. Implementation of the Removal of the Spare Bedroom Subsidy (formerly Social Sector Size Criteria)
  - c. Introduction of the overall benefit cap (phased introduction, starting in April 2013)
  - d. Net impact of implementing Universal Credit (UC) in 2013/14
3. Funding for 2013/14 and beyond will continue to be the subject of discussions with the LA Associations. We will continue to assess any ongoing or new impacts of welfare reforms on LA administration in line with the New Burdens Doctrine. We would expect LAs to do likewise if, for example, they have evidence of any additional new burdens such as increased homelessness or other additional costs directly arising as a result of the reforms.

### **Details**

4. Although you will receive a single payment, to provide transparency we provide a breakdown of the total funding below.

Area of activity	Funding distribution based on	Funding (to nearest £0.1m)
LHA Changes (various changes introduced from April 2011 onwards)	A combined approach of; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Distribution of estimated claimant losses from changes as set out in Subsidy Circular HB/CTB S1/2013 and</li> <li>▪ Latest estimates of the LHA caseload in each LA (50% of overall funds allocated on each basis).</li> </ul>	£6.2m
Removal of the Spare Bedroom Subsidy (formerly Social Sector Size criteria)	The estimated regional distribution of claimants affected by the change and then allocation within regions in line with latest estimates of the social sector working age HB caseload in each LA.	£7.5m
Net impact of implementing UC in 2013/14	Pro rata against the weighted workload (before netting or capping) used in the 2013/14 admin subsidy distribution	£0.5m
Introduction of the overall benefit cap (phased introduction, starting in April 2013)	Assumed local authority staffing levels (Information Technology (IT) costs estimated separately) and estimated number of benefit cap households due to be impacted on introduction of the cap and the flow of newly capped households expected during the year.	£9.9m
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>£24.1m</b>

5. This funding is intended to meet the identified costs arising from the introduction of the above measures in 2013/14. These include, for example, the costs of administering additional applications for DHP, provision of housing options advice and other activities in relation to those affected by the changes. But it is, of course, for local decision what aspects of the additional administrative costs you actually spend it on.

6. This funding is also intended to meet the administration costs of the reporting measures being introduced to monitor how DHPs are supporting people affected by the welfare reforms (See circular HB A11/2013)
7. Each element of the funding has been distributed amongst LAs on a basis that reflects the likely distribution of costs, as indicated in the table above. The aggregate allocations are included in the attached appendix A.
8. Each LA will receive a single payment on or around 25 April 2013.

## Queries

9. Any general queries about this funding should be addressed to [hbctb.subsidyqueries@dwp.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:hbctb.subsidyqueries@dwp.gsi.gov.uk)
10. If you have any queries about the actual payment, please contact [lan.Fensome1@dwp.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:lan.Fensome1@dwp.gsi.gov.uk)

## Allocation of the additional funding

<b>Authority</b>	<b>Additional Funding</b>
Aberdeen	£58,329
Aberdeenshire	£33,786
Adur	£13,534
Allerdale	£25,678
Amber Valley	£28,206
Angus	£25,847
Argyll and Bute	£19,857
Arun	£37,679
Ashfield	£32,247
Ashford	£26,939
Aylesbury Vale	£27,220
Babergh	£15,971
Barking & Dagenham	£201,715
Barnet	£270,014
Barnsley	£81,607
Barrow in Furness	£19,079
Basildon	£71,429
Basingstoke and Deane	£31,134
Bassetlaw	£23,791
Bath & North East Somerset	£30,471
Bedford	£51,916
Bexley	£88,182
Birmingham	£576,581
Blaby	£11,919
Blackburn with Darwen	£63,159
Blackpool	£110,934
Blaenau Gwent	£32,237
Bolsover	£17,887
Bolton	£119,387
Boston	£15,253
Bournemouth	£74,698
Bracknell Forest	£21,610
Bradford	£212,705
Braintree	£33,611
Breckland	£28,367
Brent	£614,288
Brentwood	£12,107
Bridgend	£53,149
Brighton and Hove	£130,980
Bristol	£183,599
Broadland	£14,375
Bromley	£109,399
Bromsgrove	£13,569
Broxbourne	£35,892
Broxtowe	£19,701
Burnley	£35,981
Bury	£57,510

<b>Authority</b>	<b>Additional Funding</b>
Caerphilly	£65,912
Calderdale	£72,986
Cambridge	£27,056
Camden	£217,720
Cannock Chase	£23,256
Canterbury	£33,233
Cardiff	£180,620
Carlisle	£28,229
Carmarthenshire	£54,165
Castle Point	£21,337
Central Bedfordshire	£50,877
Ceredigion	£18,142
Charnwood	£25,848
Chelmsford	£34,998
Cheltenham	£28,427
Cherwell	£24,563
Cheshire East	£75,823
Cheshire West and Chester	£85,932
Chesterfield	£29,693
Chichester	£20,017
Chiltern	£10,678
Chorley	£23,783
Christchurch	£10,001
City of London	£3,221
Clackmannanshire	£28,361
Colchester	£52,963
Comhairle nan Eilean Siar	£3,959
Conwy	£40,686
Copeland	£18,106
Corby	£18,766
Cornwall	£138,388
Cotswold	£11,505
Coventry	£137,800
Craven	£7,933
Crawley	£39,482
Croydon	£268,519
Dacorum	£39,050
Darlington	£37,926
Dartford	£22,811
Daventry	£11,637
Denbighshire	£36,578
Derby	£92,637
Derbyshire Dales	£9,136
Doncaster	£101,370
Dover	£30,069
Dudley	£95,860
Dumfries and Galloway	£34,866
Dundee	£69,803
Durham	£182,262
Ealing	£408,836

<b>Authority</b>	<b>Additional Funding</b>
East Ayrshire	£39,936
East Cambridgeshire	£14,167
East Devon	£20,233
East Dorset	£11,446
East Dunbartonshire	£17,211
East Hampshire	£12,565
East Hertfordshire	£23,705
East Lindsey	£37,964
East Lothian	£23,597
East Northamptonshire	£14,394
East Renfrewshire	£13,228
East Riding of Yorkshire	£67,816
East Staffordshire	£23,946
Eastbourne	£36,304
Eastleigh	£20,316
Eden	£7,216
Edinburgh	£210,484
Elmbridge	£24,176
Enfield	£478,039
Epping Forest	£34,386
Epsom and Ewell	£16,119
Erewash	£29,095
Exeter	£31,348
Falkirk	£40,254
Fareham	£12,832
Fenland	£24,895
Fife	£110,263
Flintshire	£40,463
Forest Heath	£13,799
Forest of Dean	£15,044
Fylde	£16,201
Gateshead	£77,377
Gedling	£23,039
Glasgow	£303,208
Gloucester	£39,100
Gosport	£23,995
Gravesham	£31,798
Great Yarmouth	£37,598
Greenwich	£148,834
Guildford	£26,433
Gwynedd	£29,736
Hackney	£321,076
Halton	£57,296
Hambleton	£13,761
Hammersmith and Fulham	£194,348
Harborough	£8,839
Haringey	£317,023
Harlow	£34,818
Harrogate	£25,909
Harrow	£169,918



<b>Authority</b>	<b>Additional Funding</b>
Hart	£8,653
Hartlepool	£55,812
Hastings	£46,407
Havant	£30,780
Havering	£92,607
Herefordshire	£37,221
Hertsmere	£28,944
High Peak	£15,233
Highland	£47,553
Hillingdon	£172,975
Hinckley and Bosworth	£16,511
Horsham	£16,801
Hounslow	£163,979
Huntingdonshire	£27,335
Hyndburn	£30,956
Inverclyde	£28,684
Ipswich	£45,644
Isle of Anglesey	£22,616
Isle of Wight	£38,838
Isles of Scilly	£87
Islington	£228,646
Kensington and Chelsea	£236,822
Kettering	£22,754
King's Lynn & West Norfolk	£35,106
Kingston upon Hull	£140,566
Kingston upon Thames	£57,355
Kirklees	£141,828
Knowsley	£82,763
Lambeth	£222,292
Lancaster	£39,367
Leeds	£335,882
Leicester	£153,771
Lewes	£25,416
Lewisham	£240,623
Lichfield	£15,502
Lincoln	£32,313
Liverpool	£276,623
Luton	£100,281
Maidstone	£30,051
Maldon	£11,721
Malvern Hills	£13,635
Manchester	£335,870
Mansfield	£31,192
Medway	£92,510
Melton	£7,189
Mendip	£20,768
Merthyr Tydfil	£26,092
Merton	£80,039
Mid Devon	£13,796
Mid Suffolk	£12,329

<b>Authority</b>	<b>Additional Funding</b>
Mid Sussex	£18,865
Middlesbrough	£88,272
Midlothian	£29,583
Milton Keynes	£93,880
Mole Valley	£11,150
Monmouthshire	£20,485
Moray	£14,739
Neath Port Talbot	£61,869
New Forest	£26,774
Newark and Sherwood	£22,662
Newcastle under Lyme	£25,539
Newcastle upon Tyne	£134,958
Newham	£351,759
Newport	£68,146
North Ayrshire	£63,384
North Devon	£20,381
North Dorset	£10,322
North East Derbyshire	£16,486
North East Lincolnshire	£67,744
North Hertfordshire	£26,416
North Kesteven	£14,109
North Lanarkshire	£104,774
North Lincolnshire	£46,439
North Norfolk	£17,611
North Somerset	£50,801
North Tyneside	£69,119
North Warwickshire	£11,142
North West Leicestershire	£16,516
Northampton	£72,732
Northumberland	£86,225
Norwich	£58,713
Nottingham	£147,056
Nuneaton and Bedworth	£33,541
Oadby and Wigston	£7,724
Oldham	£96,438
Orkney	£3,216
Oxford	£64,109
Pembrokeshire	£38,558
Pendle	£25,965
Perth and Kinross	£30,337
Peterborough	£74,308
Plymouth	£82,983
Poole	£39,656
Portsmouth	£82,568
Powys	£27,930
Preston	£50,591
Purbeck	£7,655
Reading	£69,705
Redbridge	£224,661
Redcar and Cleveland	£57,569

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Redditch	£23,019
Reigate and Banstead	£25,614
Renfrewshire	£56,586
Rhondda Cynon Taf	£91,789
Ribble Valley	£6,329
Richmond upon Thames	£44,843
Richmondshire	£7,275
Rochdale	£99,444
Rochford	£12,112
Rossendale	£18,981
Rother	£18,350
Rotherham	£93,613
Rugby	£19,831
Runnymede	£13,224
Rushcliffe	£12,899
Rushmoor	£21,559
Rutland	£3,253
Ryedale	£8,683
Salford	£125,845
Sandwell	£140,208
Scarborough	£36,936
Scottish Borders	£26,111
Sedgemoor	£26,889
Sefton	£99,307
Selby	£15,168
Sevenoaks	£16,873
Sheffield	£215,278
Shepway	£38,187
Shetland	£3,065
Shropshire	£52,737
Slough	£98,313
Solihull	£48,551
South Ayrshire	£33,273
South Bucks	£10,495
South Cambridgeshire	£20,582
South Derbyshire	£14,823
South Gloucestershire	£46,311
South Hams	£13,791
South Holland	£15,792
South Kesteven	£24,450
South Lakeland	£12,978
South Lanarkshire	£88,659
South Norfolk	£20,249
South Northamptonshire	£7,230
South Oxfordshire	£17,685
South Ribble	£18,984
South Somerset	£30,610
South Staffordshire	£14,818
South Tyneside	£71,072
Southampton	£87,342

<b>Authority</b>	<b>Additional Funding</b>
Southend on Sea	£84,820
Southwark	£166,525
Spelthorne	£28,596
St Albans	£22,329
St Edmundsbury	£21,120
St Helens	£75,811
Stafford	£18,577
Staffordshire Moorlands	£13,365
Stevenage	£28,959
Stirling	£19,088
Stockport	£76,777
Stockton on Tees	£75,362
Stoke on Trent	£102,143
Stratford on Avon	£17,953
Stroud	£16,976
Suffolk Coastal	£18,906
Sunderland	£126,322
Surrey Heath	£11,065
Sutton	£67,251
Swale	£46,283
Swansea	£91,612
Swindon	£51,820
Tameside	£87,910
Tamworth	£20,283
Tandridge	£13,479
Taunton Deane	£21,556
Teignbridge	£25,170
Telford and Wrekin	£66,435
Tendring	£65,649
Test Valley	£15,210
Tewkesbury	£12,289
Thanet	£63,287
Three Rivers	£21,546
Thurrock	£60,642
Tonbridge and Malling	£19,393
Torbay	£56,864
Torfaen	£36,406
Torridge	£13,782
Tower Hamlets	£346,359
Trafford	£62,407
Tunbridge Wells	£20,440
Uttlesford	£11,167
Vale of Glamorgan	£40,155
Vale of White Horse	£17,542
Wakefield	£118,636
Walsall	£116,963
Waltham Forest	£211,658
Wandsworth	£247,090
Warrington	£55,909
Warwick	£25,484

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Watford	£33,146
Waveney	£32,557
Waverley	£17,121
Wealden	£20,839
Wellingborough	£22,031
Welwyn Hatfield	£26,837
West Berkshire	£25,771
West Devon	£8,665
West Dorset	£16,368
West Dunbartonshire	£56,571
West Lancashire	£27,388
West Lindsey	£20,006
West Lothian	£49,427
West Oxfordshire	£13,433
West Somerset	£8,051
Westminster	£593,151
Weymouth and Portland	£20,960
Wigan	£99,944
Wiltshire	£74,986
Winchester	£14,244
Windsor and Maidenhead	£25,655
Wirral	£140,124
Woking	£22,036
Wokingham	£16,778
Wolverhampton	£123,724
Worcester	£28,704
Worthing	£24,271
Wrexham	£45,664
Wychavon	£20,843
Wycombe	£34,802
Wyre	£26,618
Wyre Forest	£25,515
York	£46,884