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Information request

I would like to request a summary, to be provided in electronic format, as to whether the Discretionary Social Fund, including Crisis Loans, passed to the upper tier English local authorities, since April 2013, has been ring fenced.

DWP response

We abolished Crisis Loans and Community Care Grants, elements of the discretionary Social Fund in April 2013. We instead provided funding to local authorities in England and the devolved administrations in Scotland and Wales to enable them to deliver a more appropriate local provision. This funding was not ring fenced.