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Preface

I am pleased to present my report on the Social Fund for 2013/14.

The year saw significant changes for the Social Fund. As a result of this Government's reforms, complex and poorly targeted Community Care Grants and Crisis Loans ceased to exist from 1 April 2013 and instead we saw the introduction of a more efficiently directed and locally managed welfare provision. This has been delivered through local authorities in England and the devolved administrations in Scotland and Wales. My officials have worked closely all year with representatives from local authorities and the devolved administrations to support the successful implementation of these new services. The early evidence suggests local authorities and the devolved administrations are developing innovative programmes to tailor this support to the specific needs of their communities.

The Social Fund continues to help people and families on low income with certain one-off or occasional expenses, as well as acting as a source of affordable credit for the financially excluded. These reforms, along with ongoing improvements to the other parts of the Social Fund, will also support the Government's aim of improving financial responsibility – leading more people to be able to manage their money and to plan ahead.

The Rt Hon Iain Duncan Smith MP
Secretary of State for Work and Pensions

1. Introduction

- 1.1** This is the 26th 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.
- 1.2** The Social Fund scheme includes a regulated scheme made up of Maternity, Funeral Expenses, 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 Department of Work and Pension's Social Fund Policy, Budget and Management Information System and from scans of the Social Fund Computer System¹. Together these data sources record details of every individual application, subsequent payment decision and any outstanding repayment record. They also provide useful comparative data for policy purposes such as average awards, what needs they cover and how various client groups are using the Fund. These comparisons are shown in the annexes to this report.

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 <http://www.Department for Work and Pensions.gov.uk/local-authority-staff/social-fund-reform/> ³ The figures in this report, unless otherwise stated, do not include clerical cases that have not yet been built onto the Social Fund Computer System.

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 2013/14 these are: Income Support (IS), income-related Employment and Support Allowance (ESA(IB)), income-based Jobseeker's Allowance (JSA(IB)), Universal Credit, Pension Credit (PC), Child Tax Credit (CTC) (at a rate higher than the family element), or 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, even though there may already be a child under 16 in the family. This policy change recognises that help is needed with the costs for all but one of the additional children of a subsequent multiple birth. For example, where the birth of twins follows a previous single birth, an SSMG can now be paid to help with costs of the additional child.
- 2.3** Under Universal Credit, polygamous marriages will not be recognised and second or subsequent wives will be required to make their own claim as either single people or lone parents where children are involved. The Social Fund Maternity and Funeral Expense (General) Regulations 2005 have been amended from April 2013 to follow this rule for recipients of Universal Credit.
- 2.4** In 2013/14 over 73,000 SSMG awards were made worth £36.9 million. SSMG statistics are in Annexes 1, 2 and 10.

Funeral Expenses Payments

- 2.5** The Funeral Expenses Payment scheme continues to provide help towards a simple, respectful, low-cost funeral. Payments are made to a person responsible for funeral costs who is in receipt of (or whose partner is in receipt of) a qualifying benefit or tax credit. In 2013/14 the qualifying benefits and tax credits are the same as for the SSMG (see paragraph 2.1 above), but with the addition of Housing Benefit. Any payments made towards the funeral costs are recoverable from the estate of the deceased, if there are sufficient funds.
- 2.6** Under Universal Credit, as with SSMGs, polygamous marriages will not be recognised and second or subsequent wives will be required to make their own claim as either single people, or lone parents where children are involved. The Social Fund Maternity and Funeral Expense (General) Regulations 2005 have been amended from April 2013 to follow this rule for recipients of Universal Credit.
- 2.7** In 2013/14, over 33,000 awards were made for Funeral Expenses Payments (FEPs) worth £44.7 million.
- 2.8** The Department for Work and Pension's Bereavement Service continues to provide a telephone service for those claiming a Funeral Expenses Payment or people reporting the death of a Department for Work and Pensions benefit recipient. Funeral Expenses Payment claims may also be made by completing and submitting the official Funeral Expenses Payment claim form.
- 2.9** Funeral Expenses Payment statistics are in Annexes 1, 2 and 10.

Cold Weather Payments

2.10 Cold Weather Payments (CWP) provide help with additional costs of heating during periods of severe 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.

2.11 In 2013/14 eligible recipients of a CWP are:

Benefit in payment	Qualifying conditions for a Cold Weather Payment
Pension Credit	Entitled to a 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 five years old.
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 five years old.
Income-related Employment Support Allowance (ESA(IR))	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 five years old.
Universal Credit	<p>Those entitled to a CWP under Universal Credit if they are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • not employed or self employed; and • they, or their partner, receive a limited capability for work element (with or without a work-related activity element); or • they receive the disabled child element within their assessment; or • have a child under five years old. <p>Universal Credit recipients who are employed or self-employed will only be eligible for CWPs if they have a disabled child in the family.</p>

2.12 In November 2010 the Chancellor of the Exchequer announced that the CWP rate would be increased to £25 for each qualifying period of cold weather for winter 2010/11 and subsequent winters for the duration of this administration. In 2013/14 due to the exceptionally mild weather an estimated 1,100 awards were made worth £0.03 million.

- 2.13** The annual review of the CWP scheme took place in the summer of 2013. 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.
- 2.14** As a result of the review, the number of weather stations used in the scheme stayed at 92 in 2013/14. Rostherne weather station was upgraded to a permanent site; Church Fenton was removed as an alternative station for Linton on Ouse and replaced with Brampton. In addition, on the recommendation of the Meteorological Office, Woodford weather station was no longer used as part of the CWP scheme. The postcodes that were linked to Woodford were reassigned to Rostherne weather station.
- 2.15** Representations from Members of Parliament about the suitability of individual weather stations or their links with particular postcode districts were also carefully considered. These were taken into account for the 2014/15 CWP season.
- 2.16** CWP statistics are in Annexes 1 and 3.

Winter Fuel Payments

- 2.17** Winter Fuel Payments help older people to meet heating costs. They are tax free and do not affect entitlement to social security benefits.
- 2.18** In 2013/14, Winter Fuel Payments were made to 12.59 million older people in approximately nine million households at a cost of around £2.124 billion.
- 2.19** Households with someone who had reached State Pension age for women received £200 and households with someone aged 80 or over received £300.
- 2.20** Most people who had reached the State Pension age for women in 2013/14 and who were normally living in Great Britain were eligible for the Winter Fuel Payment. Winter Fuel Payments are paid to people residing in another European Economic Area country or Switzerland, as long as they have a genuine and sufficient link with the UK. The qualifying week for winter 2013/14 payments was the week beginning 16 September 2013.
- 2.21** Over 95 per cent of payments were made automatically before Christmas 2013 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 (BLs) 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 (IS), income-related Employment and Support Allowance (ESA(IB)), income-based Jobseeker's Allowance (JSA(IB)), and Pension Credit (PC).
- 3.2** In 2013/14 over 1.02 million awards were made to applicants in the form of BLs, worth £416.3million.
- 3.3** There is a single, nationally managed loans budget. This budget is controlled and managed at a national level to ensure that all BL applicants in the same circumstances are treated in a similar way with no regional variations. From April 2013, this budget has been funded solely from recoveries without any additional Annually Managed Expenditure allocations.
- 3.4** Since 8 May 2012 all eligible BL applicants are able to get an award for maternity or funeral expenses. This facility is available whether or not an eligible person is entitled to an SSMG or a Funeral Expenses Payment from the regulated Social Fund.
- 3.5** The BL scheme will remain in place for applicants in receipt of existing income related benefits until they migrate to Universal Credit (at which point they may be eligible for a Budgeting Advance). There will be no change to how BLs are to be delivered.
- 3.6** BL statistics are in Annexes 1, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 and 9.

4. Welfare Reforms

Reform of the Discretionary Social Fund

Changes from 1 April 2013

- 4.1** The Welfare Reform Act 2012 contained provisions to abolish parts of the current system of discretionary Social Fund payments from 1 April 2013. These changes paved the way for the introduction of locally based welfare provision delivered by local authorities in England and the devolved administrations in Scotland and Wales; national welfare provision in the form of advances of benefit delivered by Department for Work and Pensions to replace Crisis Loan alignment payments for those awaiting first payment of benefit; and national welfare provision in the form of advances of benefit delivered by the Department for Work and Pensions to replace Budgeting Loans (BLs) for those migrated to Universal Credit.

Budgeting Loans

- 4.2** The present BL scheme will remain in place until full rollout of Universal Credit to help those still receiving the current income-related benefits. More information on the reforms can be found on the Department for Work and Pensions website.

Funeral Expenses Payments

- 4.3** Arrears of the deceased's benefit are no longer treated as assets to be deducted from a Funeral Expenses Payment award. This is due to the fact that many people taking responsibility for funeral costs in the future may not get any help at all. There is also a danger that under Universal Credit the arrears of benefit on death may be so great as to extinguish a Funeral Expenses Payment award altogether. This will help to ensure that help continues to be available and targeted to those where the need is greatest.

Cold Weather Payments

- 4.4** The Cold Weather Payment (CWP) scheme has been extended from April 2013 to allow Universal Credit to act as an initial gateway to eligibility.
- 4.5** To ensure that the underlying principles behind the scheme continue to apply, i.e. that additional support is given to help the most vulnerable with the extra costs associated with heating the home during severe weather periods, a further qualifying criterion has been introduced for recipients of Universal Credit, allowing access only to those with zero earnings (i.e. not in employment or gainful self-employment). An exception to this criterion, however, has been made for families with a disabled child.
- 4.6** To summarise, those eligible for a CWP under Universal Credit are those who are:
- not employed or self-employed; and
 - they or their partner receive either a limited capability for work element or a limited capability for work element with a work-related activity element; or
 - receive a disabled child element within their assessment; or
 - have a child under the age of five years in the family.

- 4.7** Universal Credit recipients who are employed or self-employed will only be eligible for CWP if they have a disabled child or qualifying young person in the family.
- 4.8** These changes came into force for the start of the 2013/14 winter period on 1 November 2013.

Winter Fuel Payments

- 4.9** There are no current plans for any changes to the Winter Fuel Payment for 2014.

5. General administration

- 5.1** In 2013/14 the Social Fund continued to be delivered via Department for Work and Pensions operations – a network of Benefit Delivery Centres, Contact Centres and local Jobcentre Plus frontline offices. This included a dedicated national telephone service to deal with Social Fund enquiries.
- 5.2** The normal method of applying for Funeral Expenses Payments (FEPs), Sure Start Maternity Grants (SSMG) and Budgeting Loans (BLs) is in writing. The Department for Work and Pension's Bereavement Service, however, takes FEP claims over the telephone when a potential FEP recipient prefers this to making a written claim.

Reviews

- 5.3** A discretionary Social Fund applicant who is dissatisfied with the initial decision on their application may apply to have the decision reviewed. 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.
- 5.4** A reviewing officer within Jobcentre Plus carries out the first review and the outcome is notified to the applicant. In 2013/14, Jobcentre Plus dealt with over 29,200 applications for first review.
- 5.5** In 2013/14, applicants who remained dissatisfied were able to ask for a further review by the office of the Independent Case Examiner (ICE). In 2013/14, ICE reviewed 1,291 reviewing officer decisions.
- 5.6** The Social Fund Commissioner has reported separately on the standard of reviews carried out by Social Fund Inspectors. His final report was published on 24 June 2014.

Performance management and improvement

- 5.7** The Social Fund Quality Assurance Framework (QAF) is an internal management tool for improving Social Fund decision-making standards. It was designed and developed in conjunction with the Independent Review Service. It provides a robust methodology to check the quality of decisions and is a mechanism for providing feedback and identifying individual training needs for operational staff. The Framework has been assured by the Department's Internal Audit.
- 5.8** The focus of the check has continued to be on areas with complex decision making. Checks were applied to 2.3 per cent of all Social Fund decisions. Overall QAF performance in 2013/14 has dipped to 85.4 per cent from 90.1 per cent in 2012/13. Whilst BL and SSMG accuracy has remained high, the overall accuracy level has been impacted by the FEP QAF results which dropped from 83.7 per cent in 2012/13 to 70.6 per cent in 2013/14. This is very much a reflection of the robust checking regime that has underpinned the centralisation of FEP work in to Balham.
- 5.9** From the outset of centralisation, staff at Balham have been supported through a Line Manager Assessment (LMA) Framework that has ensured the embedding of a quality ethos in all aspects of decision making. In turn, the most common errors found through the LMA process have been used to reposition and target QAF checking to those areas or individuals where error is most likely. Whilst this approach has resulted in an expected drop in QAF performance this year, it has actually improved quality and has contributed to the improved National Audit Office (NAO) regularity results for 2013/14.

- 5.10** Overall, the 'most likely value error' on Social Fund has reduced from 45.63 million in 2011/12 to 2.41 million in 2013/14 (0.09% per cent error rate in 2013/14 compared to 0.68 per cent and 1.47 per cent for 2012/13 and 2011/12 respectively).
- 5.11** Significant investment in reviewing customer debt records has meant that the NAO debt qualification has been removed from the Social Fund Account. This, together with the removal of the regularity qualification last year due to the reduction in the 'most likely value of error', demonstrates the quality of decision making and the sound financial control of the Fund.

Clearance standards

- 5.12** Clearance standards for the operational delivery sites for Social Fund, as well as overall national performance, are monitored against a comprehensive set of clearance standards (see table below). The table shows clearance against: the Average Actual Clearance Times (AACT) standard (column 3); the AACT standard plus two days (column 3); and the AACT standard plus five days (column 5).

(1) Average Actual Clearance Times (AACT) (working days)	(2) AACT Standard	(3) Achieved in 2013/14	(4) % Cleared within AACT Standard	(5) % Cleared within AACT Standard plus 2 days	(6) % Cleared within AACT Standard plus 5 days
Budgeting Loans	6 days	5.81	78.71	93.18	97.32
Funeral Expenses Payments	16 days	18.44	48.37	60.42	72.96
Sure Start Maternity Grants	5 days	4.36	87.2	93.14	96.71
Data sourced from DWP Management Information System Programme (MISP)					

Management Information System Programme (MISP). MISP is a Departmental performance management, data capture and reporting tool. This type of internal management information does not form part of the official statistics outputs that are released by the Department in accordance with the UK Statistics Authority's Code of Practice.

6. Financial issues

Background

- 6.1 Payments from the regulated Social Fund are based on eligibility and are not paid from a cash-limited budget. Regulations prescribe the circumstances and amounts that are payable.
- 6.2 National cash-limited budgets are allocated for Budgeting Loans.

The 2013/14 discretionary Social Fund budget recoveries

- 6.3 Social Fund debt recovery has been centralised within Debt Management, aligning the treatment of debt for customers that are in receipt of benefit and those who are not.
- 6.4 In 2013/14 the Debt Management service received 1,963,898 new debt referrals via its automated Social Fund loan referral system.
- 6.5 £548.1 million was recovered through the repayment of loans.

The 2013/14 Regulated Social Fund budget recoveries

- 6.6 £0.3 million of Funeral Expenses Payments was recovered from estates.
- 6.7 Details of recoveries are given in Annex 8.

7. Summary of financial performance

7.1 In 2013/14 the Social Fund provided payments of just under £511 million, with an additional £2.124 billion of Winter Fuel Payments paid in Great Britain to 8.98 million households. In 2013/14, Winter Fuel Payments were payable to households that included someone who had reached the then State Pension age for women (of 61 years and 8 months, born on or before 5/1/1952).

7.2 Compared to 2012/13 the 2013/14 figures show:

- Applications received for Budgeting Loans decreased by 11.6 per cent from 1,572,000 in 2012/13 to 1,389,000 in 2013/14.
- The proportion of Budgeting Loan decisions resulting in an initial award increased from 71.5 per cent in 2012/13 to 73.6 per cent in 2013/14.

7.3 Gross expenditure on Budgeting Loans for 2013/14 was £415.7 million.

7.4 Loan recoveries during the year were £548.1 million against a forecast of recovery of £559 million at the beginning of 2014/15. Recoveries provided 100 per cent of the funds needed to meet gross loans expenditure.

The 2013/14 Budgeting Loans budget

7.5 In April 2014, a single national Budgeting Loans budget of £377 million was allocated, which comprises entirely of loan recoveries.

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National Social Fund Summary Statistics 2013/14

	Regulated Social Fund			Discretionary Social Fund	
	SSMG	CWP	FEP	BL	CL
Applications received (000)	143	N/A	59	1,389	-
Initial decisions (000)	143	N/A	57	1,392	-
Awards (000)	73	1	33	1,025	-
Awards as % of initial decisions	51.2%	N/A	58.1%	73.6%	-
Initial refusals (000)	78	N/A	27	326	-
Gross expenditure £m	36.9	0.03	44.7	416.3	-
Recoveries £m	N/A	N/A	0.2	437.1	101.4
Net expenditure £m	36.9	0.03	44.4	-20.7	-
Average award £	504	25	1,347	403	-

Data sourced from DWP Management Information System (MISP).

Key

SSMG = Sure Start Maternity Grant BL = Budgeting Loan
CWP = Cold Weather Payment CL = Crisis Loan
FEP = Funeral Expenses Payment N/A = Not Applicable

Notes

1. Average SSMG award reflects multiple births.
2. There is no requirement to claim CWP.
3. The number of discretionary awards made after review is not included in the table. However, gross expenditure does include awards made after review, reconsideration or appeal.
4. For the regulated Social Fund, the method of calculating average awards is to divide gross expenditure by the number of awards (including those made after reconsideration or appeal).
5. For the discretionary Social Fund, the method of calculating average awards is to divide initial gross expenditure (excluding the value of review awards) by the number of initial awards.
6. The difference between applications received, initial decisions, awards and initial refusals, is due to: applications being withdrawn; applicants rejecting or not responding to loan offers; and, not decided at the time the count was made.
7. CWP figures are taken from Departmental records.
8. The CWP average award is the amount that is paid to each qualifying individual per trigger. Qualifying individuals can receive more than one payment during each CWP season.
9. Figures and percentages may not sum due to rounding.
10. The net expenditure of BLs is negative as total recoveries exceeded gross expenditure in 2013/14.

Annex 2

Sure Start Maternity Grants and Funeral Expenses Payments

Awards by Claimant Group 2013/14

Claimant Group	Sure Start Maternity Grants		Funeral Expenses Payments	
	Awards (000)	% of Total Awards	Awards (000)	% of Total Awards
Pensioners	~	~	13.5	40.6
Unemployed	8.1	11.0	3.1	9.3
Disabled	2.7	3.7	3.0	9.1
Lone parents	2.7	3.6	1.3	3.8
Employed	24.7	33.7	0.3	0.9
Others	35.2	48.0	12.0	36.3
Total	73.3	100.0	33.1	100.0

Qualifying benefit	Sure Start Maternity Grants		Funeral Expenses Payment	
	Awards (000)	Percentage of total awards	Awards (000)	Percentage of total awards
Income Support, Employment and Support Allowance (income-related), Jobseekers Allowance (income-based), Universal Credit and Pension Credit	48.6	66.3	25.5	77.1
Child Tax Credit (at a rate higher than the family element)/ Working Tax Credit (which includes a disability or a severe disability element)	24.7	33.7	2.9	8.8
Housing Benefit & Council Tax Benefit	N/A	N/A	4.7	14.1
Total	73.3	100.0	33.1	100.0

Notes

1. Claimant group definitions are in Annex 11.
2. These tables include awards made after reconsideration or appeal.
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.
6. # represents less than 0.5 per cent.

Annex 3

Cold Weather Payment statistics by Met Office Weather Station 2013/14

Weather station	Parliamentary constituencies covered by each weather station	Number eligible for a 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	4,300	0	0	-	0	-
Aboyne	Aberdeen North, Aberdeen South, Angus, Banff and Buchan, Gordon, Moray, West Aberdeenshire and Kincardine	6,800	0	0	-	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, Sedgefield, South Shields, Stockton North, Stockton South, Sunderland Central, Tynemouth, Washington and Sunderland West	136,400	0	0	-	0	-

Weather station	Parliamentary constituencies covered by each weather station	Number eligible for a 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
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	41,300	0	0	-	0	-
Auchincruive	Argyll and Bute, Ayr, Carrick and Cumnock, Central Ayrshire, Dumfries and Galloway, Kilmarnock and Loudoun, North Ayrshire and Arran	34,700	0	0	-	0	-
Aultbea	Ross, Skye and Lochaber	300	0	0	-	0	-
Aviemore	Inverness, Nairn, Badenoch and Strathspey, Moray	700	0	0	-	0	-
Bainbridge	Bishop Auckland, Darlington, North West Durham, Pendle, Penrith and The Border, Ribbles Valley, Richmond (Yorks), Skipton and Ripon	4,100	0	0	-	0	-

Weather station	Parliamentary constituencies covered by each weather station	Number eligible for a 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
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, Welwynborough	63,800	0	0	-	0	-
Bingley	Ashton-under-Lyne, Batley and Spen, Bolton North East, Bradford East, Bradford South, Bradford West, Burnley, Bury North, Bury South, Calder Valley, Colne Valley, Dewsbury, Halifax, Heywood and Middleton, High Peak, Huddersfield, Hyndburn, Keighley, Leeds North East, Leeds North West, Morley and Outwood, Oldham East and Saddleworth, Oldham West and Royton, Pendle, Penistone and Stocksbridge, Pudsey, Ribbles Valley, Rochdale, Rossendale and Darwen, Sheffield, Hallam, Shipley, Skipton and Ripon, Stalybridge and Hyde	103,800	0	0	-	0	-

Weather station	Parliamentary constituencies covered by each weather station	Number eligible for a 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
Bishopton	Airdrie and Shotts, Argyll and Bute, Coatbridge, Chryston and Bellshill, Cumbernauld, Kilsyth and Kirkintilloch East, East Dunbartonshire, East Kilbride, Strathaven and Lesmahagow, East Renfrewshire, Glasgow Central, Glasgow East, Glasgow North, Glasgow North East, Glasgow North West, Glasgow South, Glasgow South West, Inverclyde, Kilmarnock and Loudoun, Lanark and Hamilton East, Motherwell and Wishaw, North Ayrshire and Arran, Paisley and Renfrewshire North, Paisley and Renfrewshire South, Rutherglen and Hamilton West, Stirling, West Dunbartonshire	149,800	0	0	-	0	-
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	12,600	0	0	-	0	-
Boulmer	Berwick-upon-Tweed, Blyth Valley, Hexham, Wansbeck	12,600	0	0	-	0	-

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Braemar	Angus, Perth and North Perthshire, West Aberdeenshire and Kincardine	1,100	1	1,100	0.03	800	0.02
Brize Norton	Banbury, Buckingham, Henley, Newbury, Oxford East, Oxford West and Abingdon, South Northamptonshire, The Cotswolds, Wantage, Witney, Wycombe	17,800	0	0	–	0	–
Capel Curig	Aberconwy, Clwyd West, Dwyfor Meirionnydd	700	0	0	–	0	–
Cardinham (Bodmin)	North Cornwall, South East Cornwall, St Austell and Newquay, Torridge and West Devon, Truro and Falmouth	13,800	0	0	–	0	–
Carlisle	Carlisle, Dumfriesshire, Clydesdale and Tweeddale, Hexham, Penrith and The Border, Workington	9,400	0	0	–	0	–
Cassley	Caithness, Sutherland and Easter Ross	300	0	0	–	0	–

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Charlwood	Arundel and South Downs, Ashford, Bexhill and Battle, Brighton, Kempton, 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, Tonbridge Wells, Wealden	43,200	0	0	-	0	-
Charterhall	Berwickshire, Roxburgh and Selkirk, Berwick-upon-Tweed, Dumfriesshire, Clydesdale and Tweeddale, East Lothian	5,700	0	0	-	0	-
Chivenor	North Cornwall, North Devon, Torridge and West Devon	8,700	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	293,800	0	0	-	0	-

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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	175,300	0	0	-	0	-
Culdrose	Camborne and Redruth, North Cornwall, St Austell and Newquay, St Ives, Truro and Falmouth	21,600	0	0	-	0	-
Dunkeswell Aerodrome	Central Devon, East Devon, Exeter, Taunton Deane, Tiverton and Honiton, West Dorset, Yeovil	17,400	0	0	-	0	-
Dunstaffnage	Argyll and Bute, Na h-Eileanan an Iar, Ross, Skye and Lochaber	1,400	0	0	-	0	-
Dyce	Aberdeen North, Aberdeen South, Banff and Buchan, Gordon, West Aberdeenshire and Kincardine	15,900	0	0	-	0	-

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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, North East Fife, Ochil and South Perthshire, Stirling	71,300	0	0	-	0	-
Eskdalemuir	Berwickshire, Roxburgh and Selkirk, Dumfries and Galloway, Dumfriesshire, Clydesdale and Tweeddale, Penrith and The Border	4,700	0	0	-	0	-
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	55,700	0	0	-	0	-

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Fylingdales	Richmond (Yorks), Scarborough and Whitby, Thirsk and Malton, York Central	3,100	0	0	-	0	-
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	110,400	0	0	-	0	-
Hawarden Airport	Alyn and Deeside, City of Chester, Clwyd South, Clwyd West, Delyn, Eddisbury, Ellesmere Port and Neston, North Shropshire, Vale of Clwyd, Wrexham	25,800	0	0	-	0	-

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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,	486,500	0	0	-	0	-

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Heathrow (continued)	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 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						

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Hereford–Credenhill	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	53,000	0	0	–	0	–
Herstmonceux, West End	Bexhill and Battle, Brighton, Kemptown, East Worthing and Shoreham, Eastbourne, Folkestone and Hythe, Hastings and Rye, Lewes, Mid Sussex, Wealden	26,300	0	0	–	0	–
High Wycombe	Aylesbury, Banbury, Beaconsfield, Buckingham, Chesham and Amersham, Henley, Maidenhead, South West Hertfordshire, Wycombe	15,500	0	0	–	0	–
Hurn (Bournemouth Airport)	Bournemouth East, Bournemouth West, Christchurch, Mid Dorset and North Poole, New Forest East, New Forest West, North Dorset, Poole, Salisbury, South Dorset, West Dorset	36,700	0	0	–	0	–
Isle Of Portland	South Dorset, West Dorset	5,100	0	0	–	0	–

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Keele	Burton, Congleton, Crewe and Nantwich, Derbyshire Dales, Eddisbury, Lichfield, 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	45,900	0	0	-	0	-
Kinloss	Banff and Buchan, Caithness, Sutherland and Easter Ross, Inverness, Nairn, Badenoch and Strathspey, Moray, Ross, Skye and Lochaber	12,800	0	0	-	0	-
Kirkwall	Orkney and Shetland	1,100	0	0	-	0	-
Lake Vyrnwy	Clwyd South, Clwyd West, Dwyfor Meirionnydd, Ludlow, Montgomeryshire, North Shropshire, Shrewsbury and Atcham	5,100	0	0	-	0	-
Leconfield	Beverley and Holderness, Brigg and Goole, Doncaster North, East Yorkshire, Haltemprice and Howden, Kingston upon Hull East, Kingston upon Hull North, Kingston upon Hull West and Hessle, Scarborough and Whitby, Selby and Ainsty, Thirsk and Malton	50,100	0	0	-	0	-

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Leek	Burton, Derbyshire Dales, Hazel Grove, High Peak, Macclesfield, North East Derbyshire, Staffordshire Moorlands, Stockport, Stoke-on-Trent Central, Stoke-on-Trent North, Stone	10,400	0	0	-	0	-
Lerwick	Orkney and Shetland	1,000	0	0	-	0	-
Leuchars	Angus, Dundee East, Dundee West, Dunfermline and West Fife, Glenrothes, Kirkcaldy and Cowdenbeath, North East Fife, Ochil and South Perthshire, Perth and North Perthshire, West Aberdeenshire and Kincardine	33,100	0	0	-	0	-
Linton On Ouse	Beverley and Holderness, Bishop Auckland, Bradford East, Darlington, East Yorkshire, Elmet and Rothwell, Haltemprice and Howden, Harrogate and Knaresborough, Keighley, Leeds Central, Leeds East, Leeds North East, Leeds North West, Leeds West, Middlesbrough South and East Cleveland, Morley and Outwood, Pudsey, Richmond (Yorks), Sedgefield, Selby and Ainsty, Shipley, Skipton and Ripon, Stockton North, Stockton South, Thirsk and Malton, York Central, York Outer	79,300	0	0	-	0	-

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Liscombe	Bridgwater and West Somerset, Central Devon, North Devon, Tiverton and Honiton	4,000	0	0	–	0	–
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	6,700	0	0	–	0	–
Loch Glascarnoch	Caithness, Sutherland and Easter Ross, Inverness, Nairn, Badenoch and Strathspey, Ross, Skye and Lochaber	900	0	0	–	0	–
Loftus	Easington, Hartlepool, Middlesbrough, Middlesbrough South and East Cleveland, Redcar, Richmond (Yorks), Scarborough and Whitby, Sedgefield, Stockton North, Stockton South	52,100	0	0	–	0	–
Lusa	Ross, Skye and Lochaber	1,100	0	0	–	0	–
Lyneham	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	36,100	0	0	–	0	–

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Machrihanish	Argyll and Bute, North Ayrshire and Arran	1,400	0	0	-	0	-
Manston	Ashford, Canterbury, Dover, Faversham and Mid Kent, Folkestone and Hythe, Gillingham and Rainham, North Thanet, Sittingbourne and Sheppey, South Thanet	50,400	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	24,800	0	0	-	0	-
Mona	Aberconwy, Arfon, Dwyfor Meirionnydd, Ynys Mon	12,500	0	0	-	0	-
North Wyke	Central Devon, Exeter, Newton Abbot, North Cornwall, North Devon, South West Devon, Torbay, Torridge and West Devon, Totnes	28,200	0	0	-	0	-
Norwich Airport	Broadland, Great Yarmouth, Mid Norfolk, North Norfolk, North West Norfolk, Norwich North, Norwich South, South Norfolk, South West Norfolk, Suffolk Coastal, Waveney	48,200	0	0	-	0	-

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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	166,000	0	0	-	0	-
Pembrey Sands	Aberavon, Carmarthen East and Dinefwr, Carmarthen West and South Pembrokeshire, Gower, Llanelli, Neath, Preseli Pembrokeshire, Swansea East, Swansea West	40,600	0	0	-	0	-
Plymouth	Plymouth, Moor View, Plymouth, Sutton and Devonport, South East Cornwall, South West Devon, Torridge and West Devon, Totnes	21,700	0	0	-	0	-

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Redesdale	Berwick-upon-Tweed, Carlisle, City of Durham, Hexham, North West Durham, Penrith and The Border	4,200	0	0	–	0	–
Rhyl	Aberconwy, Clwyd West, Delyn, Vale of Clwyd	16,500	0	0	–	0	–
Rostherne	Altrincham and Sale West, Ashton-under-Lyne, Blackley and Broughton, Bolton North East, Bolton South East, Bolton West, Bury North, 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 East and Saddleworth, Oldham West and Royton, Rossendale and Darwen, 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	246,100	0	0	–	0	–

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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	53,100	0	0	-	0	-
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	18,900	0	0	-	0	-
Scilly, St. Mary's	St Ives	100	0	0	-	0	-
Sennybridge	Brecon and Radnorshire, Carmarthen East and Dinefwr, Ludlow, Montgomeryshire, North Herefordshire	4,600	0	0	-	0	-
Shap	Copeland, Penrith and The Border, Richmond (Yorks), Westmorland and Lonsdale, Workington	4,600	0	0	-	0	-

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Shawbury	Clwyd South, Eddisbury, Ludlow, Montgomeryshire, North Shropshire, Shrewsbury and Atcham, Stafford, Stone, Telford, The Wrekin	24,300	0	0	-	0	-
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	169,600	0	0	-	0	-

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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	60,800	0	0	-	0	-
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	68,700	0	0	-	0	-
St. Bees Head	Copeland, Workington	8,600	0	0	-	0	-
Stonyhurst	Blackburn, Chorley, Hyndburn, Lancaster and Fleetwood, Morecambe and Lunesdale, Pendle, Ribble Valley, Rossendale and Darwen, Skipton and Ripon, Westmorland and Lonsdale	23,800	0	0	-	0	-

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Stornoway Airport	Na h-Eileanan an Iar	2,300	0	0	–	0	–
Strathallan	Argyll and Bute, Dunfermline and West Fife, North East Fife, Ochil and South Perthshire, Perth and North Perthshire, Stirling, West Dunbartonshire	13,400	0	0	–	0	–
Thorney Island	Arundel and South Downs, Bognor Regis and Littlehampton, Brighton, Kemptown, 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	112,600	0	0	–	0	–
Threave	Ayr, Carrick and Cumnock, Dumfries and Galloway, Dumfriesshire, Clydesdale and Tweeddale	6,100	0	0	–	0	–
Tiree	Argyll and Bute, Ross, Skye and Lochaber	100	0	0	–	0	–

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Trawsgoed	Brecon and Radnorshire, Ceredigion, Dwyfor Meirionnydd, Montgomeryshire	3,100	0	0	-	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	57,600	0	0	-	0	-
Tulloch Bridge	Argyll and Bute, Inverness, Nairn, Badenoch and Strathspey, Perth and North Perthshire, Ross, Skye and Lochaber, Stirling	1,700	0	0	-	0	-
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	66,100	0	0	-	0	-
Walney Island	Barrow and Furness, Copeland, Lancaster and Fleetwood, Morecambe and Lunesdale, Westmorland and Lonsdale	16,300	0	0	-	0	-

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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	53,200	0	0	–	0	–
Wick Airport	Caithness, Sutherland and Easter Ross	2,400	0	0	–	0	–
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	28,800	0	0	–	0	–
Yeovilton	Bridgwater and West Somerset, North Dorset, Somerton and Frome, Taunton Deane, Tiverton and Honiton, Wells, West Dorset, Weston–Super–Mare, Yeovil	27,000	0	0	–	0	–
Great Britain		3,919,500	1	1,100	0.03	800	0.02

Notes

1. There is no requirement to claim Cold Weather Payments.
2. A Cold Weather Payment is made to an eligible customer 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 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. The boundaries of weather station areas and parliamentary constituencies do not align exactly – different parts of each constituency may be covered by different weather stations.
10. Figures may not sum due to rounding.

Annex 4

Discretionary loans

Statistics by Jobcentre Plus Social Fund Budget Area 2013/14

Jobcentre Plus Social Fund budget area by region	Budgeting Loans		
	Applications Received	Awards	Gross Expenditure £m
East of England			
Essex	30,800	22,900	9.6
Norwich	56,300	41,800	18.0
East Midlands			
East Midlands North	47,700	36,300	14.7
South East Midlands	51,800	38,500	15.8
London			
Central and East London	34,500	25,300	10.7
London South	55,300	41,100	17.9
North and North East London	35,500	26,800	11.7
West London	22,200	16,600	7.4
North East			
Northumbria	39,800	29,100	10.8
South Tyne and Wear Valley	38,000	28,400	10.7
Tees Valley	33,100	25,400	9.7
North West			
Chorlton	135,000	96,800	38.3
Greater Liverpool and Cheshire	84,000	63,300	24.4

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Jobcentre Plus Social Fund budget area by region	Budgeting Loans		
	Applications received	Awards	Gross expenditure £m
Scotland			
Inverness Benefit Delivery Centre	43,500	32,000	12.4
Springburn Benefit Delivery Centre	113,200	82,200	32.1
South East			
South East – Berkshire, Oxfordshire, Buckinghamshire and Surrey	27,100	20,100	9.1
South East – Hampshire, Kent and Sussex	78,600	56,900	24.5
South West			
South West Central	67,100	50,900	21.3
Wales			
Llanelli Benefit Delivery Centre	26,000	18,900	7.7
South East Wales	64,100	47,300	19.2
West Midlands			
West Midlands	151,400	111,500	45.3
Yorkshire and the Humber			
Yorkshire and the Humber Bradford	45,000	32,400	13.2
Yorkshire and the Humber Sheffield	108,900	80,400	31.6

Notes

1. Discretionary awards made after review are not included in the table. However, gross expenditure does include awards made after review, reconsideration or appeal.
2. The difference between applications received, initial decisions, awards and initial refusals, is due to: applications being withdrawn, applicants rejecting or not responding to loan offers and applications not decided at the time the count was made.
3. Figures are rounded to the nearest 100 and expenditure is shown in £ million.

Annex 5

Discretionary loans

Gross expenditure by Applicant Group

Applicant Group	Budgeting Loans	
	Amount £m	% of total amount
Pensioners	33.8	8.1
Unemployed	91.0	21.9
Disabled	113.1	27.2
Lone parents	155.3	37.3
Others	23.1	5.6
Total	416.3	100.0

Notes

1. Applicant group definitions are in Annex 11.
2. This table included awards on review.
3. Figures and percentages may not sum due to rounding.

Annex 6

Budgeting Loans – Initial awards by family composition 2013/14 (including comparison with 2012/13)

	Number of awards (000)	Gross expenditure £m	Average award £	Percentage of total number of awards		Percentage of total gross expenditure	
				2012/13	2013/14	2012/13	2013/14
Single person, no children	429	120.6	281	42.1	42.1	29.7	29.4
Couple, no children	61	22.3	362	6.0	6.0	5.4	5.4
Single person or couple with children	529	267.8	506	51.9	51.9	64.9	65.2

Notes

1. This table does not include awards and gross expenditure on review.
2. This table does not include 5,300 awards for which no partner flag was recorded. This accounts for less than one per cent of the total number of initial awards.
3. Figures and percentages may not sum due to rounding.
4. These figures were obtained from scans of the Social Fund Computer System. This is a different data source to that used for Budgeting Loan figures in the other annexes.

Annex 7

Budgeting Loans: Reasons for initial refusal by Applicant Group 2013/14

Counts

	Pensioners	Disabled	Lone parents	Unemployed	Others	Total
Outstanding debt	3,800	46,400	17,700	57,000	10,000	134,900
Not in receipt of a qualifying benefit	400	15,800	1,600	21,200	31,400	70,500
Not in receipt of a qualifying benefit for 26 weeks	800	23,700	15,600	62,000	13,000	115,100
Other	400	2,000	700	2,500	400	6,000
Total	5,400	88,000	35,700	142,700	54,700	326,400

Notes

1. The qualifying benefits are Income Support, income-related Employment and Support Allowance, income-based Jobseeker's Allowance and Pension Credit.
2. Numbers are rounded to the nearest 100 and percentages are rounded to the nearest 0.1 per cent.
3. Figures and percentages may not sum due to rounding.

Percentages

	Pensioners	Disabled	Lone parents	Unemployed	Others	Total
Outstanding debt	70.5	52.8	49.7	39.9	18.2	41.3
Not in receipt of a qualifying benefit	7.7	18.0	4.6	14.9	57.4	21.6
Not in receipt of a qualifying benefit for 26 weeks	15.0	27.0	43.7	43.4	23.7	35.3
Other	6.7	2.3	2.0	1.8	0.7	1.8
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

Notes

1. The qualifying benefits are Income Support, income-related Employment and Support Allowance, income-based Jobseeker's Allowance and Pension Credit.
2. Numbers are rounded to the nearest 100 and percentages are rounded to the nearest 0.1 per cent.
3. Figures and percentages may not sum due to rounding.

Annex 8

Loan recovery – Average weekly repayment deductions from Income Support (IS), Jobseeker's Allowance (JSA) and Pension Credit (PC)

		Nov-12	Feb-13	May-13	Aug-13	Nov-13
Average deduction	IS	£13.72	£13.97	£14.18	£14.30	£14.67
	JSA	£9.16	£9.34	£9.53	£9.53	£9.85
	PC	£13.00	£13.08	£13.19	£13.38	£13.55
Number of deductions	IS	358,700	321,100	300,800	261,400	261,100
	JSA	229,300	231,200	225,000	177,300	168,500
	PC	57,300	56,600	51,400	49,700	49,200

Notes

1. The data is taken from the Income Support (IS), Jobseeker's Allowance (JSA) and Pension Credit (PC) Quarterly Statistical Enquiries.
2. The number of deductions are to the nearest 100.
3. Data for November 2013 (Quarter 4 2013) and February 2014 (Quarter 1 2014) has not yet been released.

Loan recovery – Repayment source 2013/14

	Crisis Loans		Budgeting Loans	
	Amount £m	Percentage of total amount	Amount £m	Percentage of total amount
Income Support and Pension Credit	18.4	18.2	215.6	49.3
Jobseeker's Allowance	38.4	37.9	85.1	19.5
Employment and Support Allowance	29.9	29.5	107.3	24.5
Incapacity Benefit	0.7	0.7	0.5	0.1
Other benefits	1.2	1.2	5.9	1.4
Cash	12.6	12.5	22.5	5.2

Notes

1. Social Fund loans are recoverable from most Social Security benefits.
2. Figures and percentages may not sum due to rounding.

Annex 9

Summary of Social Fund review applications

First reviews	CCG	BL	CL	Total
Number of applications for first review	9,000	19,700	500	29,200
Number of decisions revised at first review	2,700	3,300	100	6,100
Percentage revised	30.2	17.0	16.1	21.0

Notes

- 1-2. IRS caveats.
3. Figures are rounded to the nearest 10.
4. Percentages have been calculated using non-rounded figures.
- 5-7. Rounding caveats based on entries in the IRS column.

Annex 10

Social Fund Appeals Data 2013/14

Social Fund appeals dealt with at the first-tier tribunal 2013/14	Number of appeals received in the period	Number heard and decided at hearing	Number decided in appellant's favour	Percentage decided in appellant's favour
Social Fund (Funeral Expenses Payments)	2,960	2,598	285	11%
Social Fund (Sure Start Maternity Grant)	1,807	1,698	77	5%
Total	4,767	4,296	362	8%

Annex 11

Client Groups and Applicant or Claimant Group definitions

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;
- 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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