

Freedom of Information request 2013-5988

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Information request

Please can you tell me how many children/young people under 18 living in the London Borough of Sutton, receive Disability Living Allowance over the last full year you have statistics for.

Can you tell me what the categories of disabilities are covered and the numbers of children in each category for the same period?

Please can you also tell me what the ages of these children are, or how many children in each age group receive DLA in LB Sutton and for which disabilities?

Please can you also tell me how many families of children/young people living in the London Borough of Sutton receive carer's allowance?

DWP response

In response to your query as a whole we can confirm that the Department does hold some information falling within the description specified in your request. However, the datasets used for analysis on Carer's Allowance claimants do not contain any information about the identity or characteristics of the person being cared for. We therefore estimate that the cost of complying with your request would exceed the appropriate limit of £600.

The appropriate limit has been specified in regulations and for central Government it is set at £600. This represents the estimated cost of one person spending 3½ working days in determining whether the Department holds the information, and locating, retrieving and extracting the information. Under section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act the Department is not obliged to comply with your request and we will not be processing your request further.

However, information that is available within cost is the number of Disability Living Allowance (DLA) (cases in payment) claimants under 18 years. The information for your requested area is given in the table below.

Disability Living Allowance recipients by Main Disabling Condition and Age of claimant in Sutton Local Authority: May 2013

Main Disabling Condition	All	Age Not Known	Aged under 5	5 to under 11	11 to under 16	16 - 17	18 and over
All	7,280	-	160	490	510	180	5,940
Arthritis	800	-	-	-	-	-	800
Spondylosis	110	-	-	-	-	-	110
Back Pain - Not Specified	310	-	-	-	-	-	310
Disease Of The Muscles, Bones or Joints	350	-	10	10	10	-	320
Trauma to Limbs	110	-	-	-	-	-	110
Blindness	160	-	-	-	-	-	150
Deafness	150	-	-	20	10	-	120
Heart Disease	150	-	-	-	-	-	140
Chest Disease	130	-	-	-	-	-	130
Asthma	50	-	-	-	-	-	40
Cystic Fibrosis	20	-	-	10	-	-	10
Cerebrovascular Disease	200	-	-	-	-	-	200
Peripheral vascular Disease	30	-	-	-	-	-	30
Epilepsy	190	-	-	10	10	-	170
Neurological Diseases	350	-	10	40	40	10	250
Multiple Sclerosis	180	-	-	-	-	-	180
Parkinson's Disease	40	-	-	-	-	-	40
Motor Neurone Disease	10	-	-	-	-	-	10
Chronic Fatigue Syndromes	60	-	-	-	-	-	60
Diabetes Mellitus	120	-	-	20	30	10	60
Metabolic Disease	30	-	-	-	-	-	20
Traumatic Paraplegia/Tetraplegia	20	-	-	-	-	-	20
Major Trauma Other than Traumatic Paraplegia/Tetraplegia	30	-	-	-	-	-	30
Learning Difficulties	1,390	-	60	260	240	90	740
Psychosis	790	-	-	-	-	-	790
Psychoneurosis	360	-	-	-	10	-	350
Personality Disorder	80	-	-	-	-	-	80
Dementia	40	-	-	-	-	-	40
Behavioural Disorder	150	-	10	30	40	10	50
Alcohol and Drug Abuse	30	-	-	-	-	-	30
Hyperkinetic Syndrome	180	-	-	30	90	20	30
Renal Disorders	40	-	10	-	-	-	30
Inflammatory Bowel Disease	20	-	-	-	-	-	20
Bowel and Stomach Disease	40	-	10	-	-	-	30
Blood Disorders	20	-	-	-	-	-	20
Haemophilia	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
AIDS	10	-	-	-	-	-	10
Multi System Disorders	20	-	-	-	-	-	20
Multiple Allergy Syndrome	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Skin Disease	20	-	-	10	-	-	10
Malignant Disease	110	-	-	10	-	-	100
Severely Mentally impaired	70	-	-	10	10	-	50
Double Amputee	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

Deaf/Blind	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Haemodialysis	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Frailty	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total Parenteral Nutrition	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Infectious diseases: Bacterial disease - Tuberculosis	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Infectious diseases: Bacterial disease - precise diagnosis not specified	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Infectious diseases: Protozoal disease - Malaria	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Infectious diseases: Protozoal disease - other / precise diagnosis not specified	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Infectious diseases - other / precise diagnosis not specified	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cognitive disorder - other / precise diagnosis not specified	10	-	-	-	-	-	-
Terminally Ill	80	-	-	-	-	-	80
Unknown	210	-	20	20	-	-	160

Source: DWP Information, Governance and Security, Work and Pensions Longitudinal Study.

Notes:

1. ' - ' Denotes nil or negligible, figures are rounded to the nearest ten. Totals may not sum due to rounding. Some additional disclosure control has also been applied.
2. Figures show the number of people in receipt of an allowance, and exclude people with entitlement where the payment has been suspended, for example if they are in hospital.
3. Where more than one disability is present only the main disabling condition is recorded.

A diagnosed medical condition does not mean that someone is automatically entitled to DLA. Entitlement is dependent on an assessment of how much help someone needs with personal care and/or mobility because of their disability