

## **Freedom of Information request 2014-2753**

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### **Information request**

**I have been using the DWP stat-xplore to look at trends in Scottish Local Authorities of under 35 year olds claiming LHA, in particular since the extension of the Shared Accommodation Rate to under 35s.**

**However, as the extension only came into practice from Jan 2012 when I seek data on those in that age range who were in Shared Accommodation for years before 2012 no data is returned. I understand that the SAR was previously called the Single Room Rate (SRR) and only applicable to under 25s.**

**Is it possible for you to provide me with the figures for the years 2009-2012 broken down by Scottish Local Authority and which showed numbers of under 25s in receipt of SRR for that period?**

### **DWP response**

In response to your query, the available information for the Local Authorities in Scotland, is shown in the following table for December each year 2009 to 2011. Please note there are no values reported for some Local Authorities therefore the figures provided will be an undercount of the actual numbers assessed under the Shared Accommodation Rate.

**Please note that the figures supplied are derived from unpublished information and have not been quality assured to National Statistics or Official Statistics publication standard. They should therefore be treated with caution.**

**Housing Benefit recipients (LHA only) aged under 25 and assessed under the Shared Accommodation Rate (SAR) formerly known as the Single Room Rate (SRR) by Local Authority in Scotland, as at December in each year shown.**

	<b>2009</b>	<b>2010</b>	<b>2011</b>
<b>Scotland</b>	<b>1,062</b>	<b>1,143</b>	<b>948</b>
Aberdeen City	59	74	66
Aberdeenshire	0	0	0
Angus	0	0	0
Argyll and Bute	0	0	0
Clackmannanshire	24	25	7
Dumfries and Galloway	0	0	0
Dundee City	0	0	0
East Ayrshire	0	0	0
East Dunbartonshire	0	0	0
East Lothian	7	37	23
East Renfrewshire	9	18	0
Edinburgh, City of	0	0	0
Eilean Siar	0	0	0
Falkirk	0	0	0
Fife	199	194	179
Glasgow City	550	601	585
Highland	0	0	0
Inverclyde	0	0	0
Midlothian	17	21	30
Moray	0	0	0
North Ayrshire	0	0	0
North Lanarkshire	0	0	0
Orkney Islands	0	0	0
Perth and Kinross	0	0	0
Renfrewshire	0	0	0
Scottish Borders	0	0	0
Shetland Islands	0	5	0
South Ayrshire	0	0	0
South Lanarkshire	153	145	20
Stirling	32	22	36
West Dunbartonshire	0	0	0
West Lothian	0	0	0

**Source:** Single Housing Benefit Extract (SHBE).

**Notes:**

1. Cells in this table have been randomly adjusted to avoid the release of confidential data
2. Recipients are as at second Thursday of the month.
3. This analysis is for cases where the HB case has been assessed under the Local Housing Allowance Shared Accommodation Rate.
4. There are no values reported for some Local Authorities therefore the figures provided will be an undercount of the actual numbers assessed under the Shared Accommodation Rate.
5. Data provided is up to December 2011 as from 1 January 2012 the rules changed to apply to those aged under 35.
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