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Preface

I am pleased to present the twenty ninth annual report to Parliament on the operation of the Social Fund for Great Britain in 2016-17. The Social Fund scheme is a regulated scheme made up of Maternity Grants, Funeral Expenses Payments, Cold Weather Payments and Winter Fuel Payments, and a discretionary scheme of Budgeting Loans.

Over the last year, our Fund has provided over £481 million to support families on low incomes. As is right, this money is going to those who need it most. In addition to this, Winter Fuel Payments have continued to provide an additional £2 billion supporting older people in meeting their heating costs.

My Department continues to review, and make improvements to, the administration of the Social Fund. In 2016-17, we streamlined our processes by introducing a digital application procedure for Budgeting Loans. We also improved the process for updating links between postcodes and weather stations under the Cold Weather Payments scheme. To further respond to the demands of our customers, we have also launched a consultation on reforms to Funeral Expenses Payments, designed to clarify eligibility and make it easier to apply.

We are endeavouring to improve, review and monitor the application and delivery of the Social Fund. Through the Social Fund we will continue to provide targeted financial support at the time when it is needed most, without affecting access to additional forms of support available through other parts of the welfare system.

The Rt. Hon. David Gauke MP
Secretary of State for Work and Pensions

1. Introduction

- 1.1** This is the twenty ninth 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 1992¹.
- 1.2** The Social Fund scheme includes a regulated scheme made up of Maternity Grants, Funeral Expenses Payments, Cold Weather Payments and Winter Fuel Payments, and a discretionary scheme of Budgeting Loans.

Source of data for this report

- 1.3** The figures in this report, unless stated otherwise, are taken from the DWP Policy, Budget and Management Information System, the Social Fund White Paper Account and from scans of the Social Fund Computer System². Together these data sources record details of every individual application, subsequent payment decision and any outstanding repayment record. They also provide useful comparative data such as average awards, what needs are covered 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 The figures in this report do not include accounting adjustments.

2. The Regulated Social Fund

Sure Start Maternity Grants

- 2.1** The Sure Start Maternity Grant 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 2016-17 these were: Income Support, income-related Employment and Support Allowance, income-based Jobseeker's Allowance, Universal Credit, Pension Credit, Child Tax Credit (at a rate higher than the family element until 5 April 2017), or Working Tax Credit (which includes a disability or a severe disability element).
- 2.2** The Sure Start Maternity Grant is also available for the additional children of subsequent multiple births. This recognises that help is needed with the costs for all but one of the additional children of a subsequent multiple birth. An example, would be where the birth of twins follows a previous single birth, a Sure Start Maternity Grant can now be paid to help with costs of the additional child.
- 2.3** In 2016-17 over 55,000 Sure Start Maternity Grant awards were made worth £27.9 million. Sure Start Maternity Grant statistics are in Annexes 1 and 2.

Funeral Expenses Payments

- 2.4** The Funeral Expenses Payment scheme continues to provide help towards the cost of a simple, respectful, low-cost funeral. Payments are made to the person responsible for funeral costs who is in receipt of (or whose partner is in receipt of) a qualifying benefit or tax credit. In 2016-17 the qualifying benefits and tax credits were the same as those listed above for the Sure Start Maternity Grant, 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.
- 2.5** In 2016-17, nearly 27,000 Funeral Expenses Payment awards were made worth £38.6 million.
- 2.6** The DWP's Bereavement Service continues to take telephone applications for Funeral Expenses Payments as part of a wider service to people reporting a death to the DWP. Funeral Expenses Payment claims can also be made by post, or by using a claim form that can be downloaded from the GOV.UK website.

Cold Weather Payments

- 2.7** Cold Weather Payments provide help with additional costs of heating during periods of severe cold 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.

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2.8 In 2016-17 eligible recipients of a Cold Weather Payment are:

Benefit in Payment	Qualifying Conditions for a Cold Weather Payment
Pension Credit	Entitled to Cold Weather Payment (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 5 years.
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 5 years.
Income-related Employment Support Allowance	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 5 years.
Universal Credit	<p>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 5 years. <p>Universal Credit recipients who are employed or self-employed will only be eligible for CWPs if they have a disabled child or eligible young person in the family.</p>

2.9 A Cold Weather Payment award of £25 is made for each qualifying period of cold weather. In 2016-17 DWP made nearly 131,000 awards worth £3.1 million. A mild winter contributed to reduction of 24,000 awards.

2.10 The annual review of the Cold Weather Payments scheme took place in the summer of 2016. 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, as well as the general suitability of the existing linkages.

- 2.11** As a result of the review, the number of weather stations used in the scheme increased by one to 94 in 2016-17, with the following changes made to the network:
- The station at Skye, Lusa was closed as a primary weather station and all the postcodes were changed to an alternative site at Achnagart.
 - It was decided that the Exeter Airport weather station better represented the postcodes along and near the east coast facing coastline around east Devon, Exeter and parts of Torbay. The more inland and higher altitude sites at Dunkeswell and North Wyke continue to serve the more inland communities.
- 2.12** Weather stations were changed to be more representative of the weather conditions of associated postcodes or due to service issues.
- 2.13** 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 2016-17 Cold Weather Payment season.
- 2.14** Regulations amending the Cold Weather Payments scheme came into force on 1 November 2016 so that, in future, revisions to the scheme could be made without the need for new legislation each time weather station to postcode links change. The scheme was also amended to ensure that where a primary station is unable to provide temperature information or the Met Office is unable to produce a forecast at a primary station, there are adequate procedures for the necessary temperature information or forecast to be obtained from another weather station.
- 2.15** Cold Weather Payment statistics are in Annexes 1 and 3.

Winter Fuel Payments

- 2.16** Winter Fuel Payments help older people to meet heating costs. They are tax free and do not affect entitlement to Social Security benefits.
- 2.17** 2016-17, we estimate we made Winter Fuel Payments to around 12 million older people at an estimated cost of £2 billion. Official Statistics on the number of Winter Fuel Payments will be published in September 2017.
- 2.18** Households with someone who had reached State Pension age for women received £200 and households with someone aged 80 or over received £300.
- 2.19** Most people who had reached the State Pension age for women in 2016-17 and who were normally living in Great Britain were eligible and qualified for the Winter Fuel Payment. Those that are eligible but don't qualify are those who:
- are in prison
 - are in hospital receiving free treatment for more than 52 weeks
 - need permission to enter the UK and don't qualify for help from DWP
 - have been living in a care home for the previous twelve weeks or more and receive Pension Credit, income-related Jobseeker's Allowance or income-related Employment and Support Allowance.
- 2.20** The qualifying age for Winter Fuel Payments for men and women is increasing in line with the increase in women's State Pension age.

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- 2.21** Winter Fuel Payments are paid to people residing in the majority of the European Economic Area countries or Switzerland as long as they have a genuine and sufficient link with the UK. The qualifying week for winter 2016-17 payments was the week beginning 19 September 2016.
- 2.22** The Government has introduced legislation which means that from winter 2015-16, Winter Fuel Payments are no longer payable in European Economic Area countries (and associated territories) where the average winter temperature is higher than the warmest region of the UK (South West England). This temperature is 5.6°C.
- 2.23** The countries where Winter Fuel Payments are no longer payable are Cyprus, France, Gibraltar, Greece, Malta, Portugal and Spain.
- 2.24** We estimate that over 95 per cent of payments were made automatically before Christmas 2016 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 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, income-related Employment and Support Allowance, income-related Jobseeker's Allowance, and Pension Credit.
- 3.2** In 2016-17 over 943,000 awards were made to applicants in the form of Budgeting Loans, worth £411.5 million.
- 3.3** There is a single, nationally managed loans budget. This budget is controlled and managed at a national level to ensure that all Budgeting Loan applicants in the same circumstances are treated in a similar way with no regional variations. Since April 2013, this budget has been funded solely from recoveries without any additional Annually Managed Expenditure allocations.
- 3.4** An on-line Budgeting Loan application facility was introduced in December 2016 and led to a significant increase in claims for the period from December 2016 to March 2017.
- 3.5** The Budgeting Loans 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. A Budgeting Advance is not an award from the Social Fund).
- 3.6** Budgeting Loan statistics are in Annexes 1, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 and 9.

4. General administration

Reviews

- 4.1** A regulated Social Fund applicant who is dissatisfied with the initial decision on their application may also apply to have the decision reviewed under a mandatory reconsideration within 14 days of the original decision.
- 4.2** Applicants who remained dissatisfied are able to appeal the decision to Her Majesty's Courts and Tribunals Service (HMCTS). The data for 2016-17 is reported in Annex 9.
- 4.3** A discretionary Social Fund applicant who is dissatisfied with the initial decision on their application may apply to have the decision reviewed under a mandatory reconsideration within 14 days of the original decision. 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.
- 4.4** A reviewing officer within Jobcentre Plus carries out the first review and the outcome is notified to the applicant. In 2016-17, Jobcentre Plus dealt with over 4,600 applications for first review.
- 4.5** In 2016-17 applicants for the discretionary Social Fund who remained dissatisfied were able to ask for a further review by the office of the Independent Case Examiner (ICE). In 2016-17 ICE reviewed 200 reviewing officer decisions.
- 4.6** Budgeting loan refusals have reduced from 15.96% in 2015-16 to 15.69% in 2016-17. Improvements in the claim form including the on-line application, and how eligibility is explained to customers has led to a reduced number of decisions that are disallowed. There was also an ongoing reduction in the number of requests for a review, this is likely to be as a result of reviews being conducted over the phone at the initial point of contact.

Performance management and improvement

- 4.7** 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 (IRS) when it was still in existence and managed the third tier reviews of discretionary Social Fund applications (the IRS was abolished as part of the Welfare Reform Act 2012). 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.
- 4.8** The focus of the check has continued to concentrate on areas with complex decision making as well as areas with known issues. This can result in an overall QAF performance that does not represent the overall accuracy of decision making as it excludes cases that are straightforward. The intention behind the specific targeting of checks is part of a programme to improve accuracy. Sure Start Maternity Grant and Budgeting Loans accuracy remained high at 87.6% and 98.5% during 2016-17. The accuracy of Funeral Expenses Payments fell to 71.1% during 2016-17, in part reflecting the complexity of the eligibility rules.

Clearance standards

- 4.9** Clearance standards for the operational delivery sites for Social Fund, and overall national performance, is monitored against a comprehensive set of clearance standards (see table). The table shows clearance against: the Average Actual Clearance Times (AACT) standard (column 3); the AACT standard plus two days (column 5); and the AACT standard plus 5 days (column 6).

(1) Average Actual Clearance Times (AACT) (working days)	(2) AACT Standard	(3) Achieved in 2016-17	(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	8.92	21.5	50.3	84.3
Funeral Expenses Payments	15 days	18.67	43.75	51.85	64.48
Sure Start Maternity Grants	4 days	4.86	49.0	87.6	95.6

Data sourced from DWP Management Information System (MISP) and DWP Social Fund Computer System (SFCS)

Management Information System Programme (MISP) and Social Fund Computer System (SFCS) are Departmental performance management, data capture and reporting tools. In accordance with the UK Statistics Authority's Code of Practice, this type of internal management information does not form part of the official statistics outputs that are released by the Department.

In December 2016, the Department introduced an on-line digital application process for Budgeting Loans. This made it easier for claimants to apply for Budgeting Loans, and led to an increase in the volume of applications in the latter part of 2016-17, which has made it more challenging to achieve clearance standards.

The Department is working to improve clearance times across all areas of the Social Fund and in particular Funeral Expenses Payments. The Department has worked with stakeholders to identify a number of improvements that could be made to Funeral Expenses Payments to clarify eligibility, simplify the application process and clear claims more quickly. Many of these will require amending the Funeral Expenses Payments regulations. The Department launched a consultation on the proposed amendments on 5 July 2017.

5. Financial management

Background

- 5.1 Payments from the regulated Social Fund are based on eligibility. Regulations prescribe the circumstances and amounts that are payable.
- 5.2 National cash-limited budgets are allocated for Budgeting Loans, Funeral Expenses Payments and Sure Start Maternity Grants.

The 2016-17 Discretionary Social Fund budget recoveries

- 5.3 £499 million (£448 million from Budgeting Loans, £51 million from Crisis Loans) was recovered through the repayment of loans.

The 2016-17 Regulated Social Fund budget recoveries

- 5.4 £0.1 million of Funeral Expenses Payments was recovered from estates.

6. Summary of financial performance

- 6.1** In 2016-17 the Social Fund provided payments of just over £481million, with an additional amount, of approximately £2 billion for Winter Fuel Payments paid in Great Britain to an estimated 12 million households (Finalised Winter Fuel Payment data will not be available until September 2017).
- 6.2** Compared to 2015-16 the figures show:
- Applications received for Budgeting Loans decreased by 1.5% from 1,184,000 in 2015-16 to 1,166, 000 in 2016-17.
 - The proportion of Budgeting Loan decisions resulting in an initial award remained the same in 2016-17 at 82%.
- 6.3** Gross expenditure on Budgeting Loans for 2016-17 was £411.5 million.
- 6.4** Loan recoveries during the year were £499 million against a forecast recovery of £465 million at the beginning of 2016-17. Recoveries provided 100% of the funds needed to meet gross loans expenditure.

The 2016-17 Budgeting Loans budget

- 6.5** In April 2016, a single national Budgeting Loans budget of £370 million was allocated, comprised entirely of loan recoveries. Budgeting Loan payments were able to increase beyond the initial budget due to the availability of increased loan recoveries achieved during the year to finance them.

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National Social Fund Summary Statistics

	Regulated Social Fund			Discretionary Social Fund	
	SSMG	CWP	FEP	BL	CL
Applications received (000)	112	n/a	45	1,166	n/a
Initial decisions (000)	112	n/a	44	1,155	n/a
Awards (000)	55	131	27	943	n/a
Awards as % of initial decisions	49	n/a	61	82	n/a
Initial refusals (000)	63	n/a	20	183	n/a
Gross expenditure £m	27.9	3.1	38.6	411.5	n/a
Recoveries £m	n/a	n/a	0.1	448.2	50.7
Net expenditure £m	27.9	3.1	38.5	-36.7	-50.7
Average award £	508	25	1,427	431	n/a

Cold Weather Payment figures are estimates taken from Departmental records.

SSMG, FEP, BL and CL figures for gross expenditure, recoveries and net expenditure are taken from Social Fund Account 2016-17

Remaining SSMG, FEP and BL data sourced from the DWP Policy, Budget and Management Information System.

Key

SSMG = Sure Start Maternity Grant

FEP = Funeral Expenses Payment

BL = Budgeting Loan

CWP = Cold Weather Payment

CL = Crisis Loan

Notes

1. The average Sure Start Maternity Grant award is higher than the award value of £500 to reflect the additional award made for multiple births.
2. There is no requirement to claim Cold Weather Payments.
3. The Budgeting Loan award figures do not include awards made after review, reconsideration or appeal. However, the gross expenditure figure does include such awards.
4. For Sure Start Maternity Grants and Funeral Expense Payments, the average award value is calculated by dividing gross expenditure by the number of awards (including awards made on review, reconsideration or appeal).
5. The average Cold Weather Payment award is the amount paid to each qualifying individual every time an award is made. Qualifying individuals may receive more than one payment during each CWP season.
6. For Budgeting Loans, the average award value is calculated by dividing initial expenditure (which excludes the value of awards made on review, reconsideration or appeal) by the number of initial awards. The initial expenditure figure is not shown.
7. Differences between applications received, initial decisions, awards and initial refusals are due to applications being withdrawn; applicants rejecting or not responding to loan offers; and decisions outstanding at the time of the count.
8. The net expenditure for Budgeting Loans is negative as total recoveries have exceeded gross expenditure in 2016-17.
9. The Crisis Loan scheme ended in March 2013; the recoveries shown are in respect of outstanding loans made prior to this date.
10. Figures may not sum due to rounding.

Annex 2a

Sure Start Maternity Grants and Funeral Expense Payments

Awards by Claimant Group

Claimant Group	Sure Start Maternity Grants		Funeral Expenses Payments	
	Awards (000)	% of Total Awards	Awards (000)	% of Total Awards
Pensioners	~	~	9.2	34.0
Unemployed	1.9	3.4	2.8	10.5
Disabled	9.7	17.6	2.4	8.7
Lone parents	2.2	4.0	0.7	2.4
Employed	19.9	36.2	~	~
Others	21.4	38.9	11.9	44.2
Total	54.9	100.0	27.0	100.0

Notes

1. Claimant group definitions are given in Annex 10.
2. These tables include awards made after review, reconsideration or appeal.
3. If an award is made to a claimant who received 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.
4. Figures may not sum due to rounding.
5. ~ represents volumes less than 50 or percentages less than 0.5%.
6. Awards are rounded to the nearest 100, percentages to the nearest 0.1%.

Annex 2b

Sure Start Maternity Grants and Funeral Expense Payments

Awards by Qualifying Benefit

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), Jobseeker's Allowance (income-based), Universal Credit and Pension Credit	35.1	63.9	20.0	74.1
Child Tax Credit (at a rate higher than the family element)/ Working Tax Credit (which includes a disability or a severe disability element)	19.8	36.1	3.0	11.1
Housing Benefit & Council Tax Benefit	~	~	4.0	14.9
Total	54.9	100.0	27.0	100.0

Notes

1. Claimant group definitions are in Annex 10.
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 or percentages less than 0.5%.
6. Awards are rounded to the nearest 100, percentages to the nearest 0.1%.

Annex 3 Cold Weather Payment information by weather station

Weather station	Parliamentary constituencies covered by each weather station	Number eligible for payment	Triggers	Number of payments	Expenditure	Number of payments to those in receipt of Pension Credit	Expenditure to those in receipt of Pension Credit
Aberporth	Carmarthen East and Dinefwr; Carmarthen West and South Pembrokeshire; Ceredigion; Preseli Pembrokeshire	5,000	-	-	-	-	-
Aboyne	Aberdeen North; Aberdeen South; Angus; Banff and Buchan; Gordon; Moray; West Aberdeenshire and Kincardine	7,000	1	7,000	0.20	3,000	0.10
Achnagart	Ross, Skye and Lochaber	1,000	1	1,000	-	1,000	-
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	141,000	-	-	-	-	-

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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	42,000	-	-	-	-	-
Auchincruive	Argyll and Bute; Ayr, Carrick and Cumnock; Central Ayrshire; Dumfries and Galloway; Kilmarnock and Loudoun; North Ayrshire and Arran	36,000	-	-	-	-	-
Aultbea	Ross, Skye and Lochaber	< 500	-	-	-	-	-
Aviemore	Inverness, Nairn, Badenoch and Strathspey; Moray	1,000	1	1,000	-	-	-
Bainbridge	Bishop Auckland; Darlington; North West Durham; Pendle; Penrith and The Border; Ribble Valley; Richmond (Yorks); Skipton and Ripon	4,000	-	-	-	-	-

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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; Wellyingborough	66,000	-	-	-	-	-
Bingley	Batley and Spen; Bradford East; Bradford South; Bradford West; Burnley; Calder Valley; Colne Valley; Dewsbury; Halifax; Huddersfield; Hyndburn; Keighley; Leeds North East; Leeds North West; Morley and Outwood; Pendle; Penistone and Stocksbridge; Pudsey; Ribbles Valley; Rochdale; Rossendale and Darwen; Sheffield, Hallam; Shipley; Skipton and Ripon	83,000	-	-	-	-	-

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Weather station	Parliamentary constituencies covered by each weather station	Number eligible for payment	Triggers	Number of payments	Expenditure	Number of payments to those in receipt of Pension Credit	Expenditure to those in receipt of Pension Credit
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	144,000	-	-	-	-	-
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	13,000	-	-	-	-	-

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Braemar	Angus; Perth and North Perthshire; West Aberdeenshire and Kincardine	1,000	4	5,000	0.10	2,000	0.10
Brize Norton	Banbury; Buckingham; Henley; Newbury; Oxford East; Oxford West and Abingdon; South Northamptonshire; The Cotswolds; Wantage; Witney; Wycombe	18,000	-	-	-	-	-
Capel Curig	Aberconwy; Clwyd West; Dwyfor Meirionnydd	1,000	-	-	-	-	-
Cardinham (Bodmin)	North Cornwall; South East Cornwall; St Austell and Newquay; Torridge and West Devon; Truro and Falmouth	14,000	-	-	-	-	-
Carlisle	Carlisle; Dumfriesshire, Clydesdale and Tweeddale; Hexham; Penrith and The Border; Workington	10,000	-	-	-	-	-
Cassley	Caithness, Sutherland and Easter Ross	< 500	-	-	-	-	-

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Charlwood	Arundel and South Downs; Ashford; Bexhill and Battle; Brighton, Kemptown; 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; Tunbridge Wells; Wealden	45,000	-	-	-	-	-
Charterhall	Berwickshire, Roxburgh and Selkirk; Berwick-upon-Tweed; Dumfriesshire, Clydesdale and Tweeddale; East Lothian	6,000	-	-	-	-	-
Chivenor	North Cornwall; North Devon; Torridge and West Devon	9,000	-	-	-	-	-

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Coleshill	Aldridge-Brownhills; Birmingham, Edgbaston; Birmingham, Hall 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	300,000	-	-	-	-	-

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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	182,000	-	-	-	-	-
Culdrose	Camborne and Redruth; North Cornwall; St Austell and Newquay; St Ives; Truro and Falmouth	22,000	-	-	-	-	-
Dunkeswell Aerodrome	Central Devon; East Devon; Exeter; Taunton Deane; Tiverton and Honiton; West Dorset; Yeovil	6,000	-	-	-	-	-
Dunstaffnage	Argyll and Bute; Na h-Eileanan an Iar; Ross, Skye and Lochaber	1,000	-	-	-	-	-
Dyce	Aberdeen North; Aberdeen South; Banff and Buchan; Gordon; West Aberdeenshire and Kincardine	17,000	-	-	-	-	-

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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; Ochil and South Perthshire; Stirling	76,000	-	-	-	-	-
Eskdalemuir	Berwickshire, Roxburgh and Selkirk; Dumfries and Galloway; Dumfriesshire, Clydesdale and Tweeddale; Penrith and The Border	5,000	-	-	-	-	-
Exeter Airport	Central Devon; East Devon; Exeter; Newton Abbot; South West Devon; Tiverton and Honiton; Torbay; Totnes	33,000	-	-	-	-	-
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	58,000	-	-	-	-	-

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Fylingdales	Richmond (Yorks); Scarborough and Whitby; Thirsk and Malton; York Central	3,000	-	-	-	-	-
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	111,000	-	-	-	-	-
Hawarden Airport	Alyn and Deeside; City of Chester; Clwyd South; Clwyd West; Delyn; Eddisbury; Ellesmere Port and Neston; North Shropshire; Vale of Clwyd; Wrexham	26,000	-	-	-	-	-

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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; Hendon; Hertford and Stortford; Hertsmere; Holborn and	498,000	-	-	-	-	-

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Heathrow	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						
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	54,000	-	-	-	-	-

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Herstmonceux West End	Bexhill and Battle; Brighton, Kemptown; East Worthing and Shoreham; Eastbourne; Folkestone and Hythe; Hastings and Rye; Lewes; Mid Sussex; Wealden	28,000	-	-	-	-	-
High Wycombe	Aylesbury; Banbury; Beaconsfield; Buckingham; Chesham and Amersham; Henley; Maidenhead; South West Hertfordshire; Wycombe	16,000	-	-	-	-	-
Hurn	Bournemouth East; Bournemouth West; Christchurch; Mid Dorset and North Poole; New Forest East; New Forest West; North Dorset; Poole; Salisbury; South Dorset; West Dorset	37,000	1	37,000	0.90	19,000	0.50
Isle Of Portland	South Dorset; West Dorset	5,000	-	-	-	-	-
Keele	Burton; Congleton; Crewe and Nantwich; Derbyshire Dales; Eddisbury; Lichfield; Macclesfield; 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	47,000	-	-	-	-	-

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Kinloss	Banff and Buchan; Caithness, Sutherland and Easter Ross; Inverness, Nairn, Badenoch and Strathspey; Moray; Ross, Skye and Lochaber	13,000	-	-	-	-	-
Kirkwall	Orkney and Shetland	1,000	-	-	-	-	-
Lake Vyrnwy	Clwyd South; Clwyd West; Dwyfor Meirionnydd; Ludlow; Montgomeryshire; North Shropshire; Shrewsbury and Atcham	5,000	-	-	-	-	-
Langdon Bay	Ashford; Canterbury; Dover; Faversham and Mid Kent; Folkestone and Hythe; Gillingham and Rainham; North Thanet; Sittingbourne and Sheppey; South Thanet	52,000	-	-	-	-	-
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	52,000	-	-	-	-	-

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Leek	Burton; Derbyshire Dales; Hazel Grove; High Peak; Macclesfield; North East Derbyshire; Staffordshire Moorlands; Stalybridge and Hyde; Stockport; Stoke-on-Trent Central; Stoke-on-Trent North; Stone	11,000	-	-	-	-	-
Lerwick	Orkney and Shetland	1,000	-	-	-	-	-
Leuchars	Angus; Dundee East; Dundee West; Glenrothes; Kirkcaldy and Cowdenbeath; North East Fife; Ochil and South Perthshire; Perth and North Perthshire; West Aberdeenshire and Kincardine	35,000	-	-	-	-	-
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	82,000	-	-	-	-	-

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Liscombe	Bridgwater and West Somerset; Central Devon; North Devon; Tiverton and Honiton	4,000	-	-	-	-	-
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	7,000	-	-	-	-	-
Llysdinam	Brecon and Radnorshire; Carmarthen East and Dinefwr; Ludlow; Montgomeryshire; North Herefordshire	5,000	-	-	-	-	-
Loch Glascarnoch	Caithness, Sutherland and Easter Ross; Inverness, Nairn, Badenoch and Strathspey; Ross, Skye and Lochaber	1,000	2	2,000	-	1,000	-
Loftus	Easington; Hartlepool; Middlesbrough; Middlesbrough South and East Cleveland; Redcar; Richmond (Yorks); Scarborough and Whitby; Sedgefield; Stockton North; Stockton South	56,000	-	-	-	-	-
Machrihanish	Argyll and Bute; North Ayrshire and Arran	1,000	-	-	-	-	-

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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	25,000	-	-	-	-	-
Mona	Aberconwy; Arfon; Dwyfor Meirionnydd; Ynys Mon	13,000	-	-	-	-	-
Morpeth, Cockle Park	Berwick-upon-Tweed; Blyth Valley; Hexham; Wansbeck	13,000	-	-	-	-	-
North Wyke	Central Devon; Exeter; Newton Abbot; North Cornwall; North Devon; South West Devon; Torridge and West Devon; Totnes	8,000	-	-	-	-	-

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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	175,000	-	-	-	-	-
Pembrey Sands	Aberavon; Carmarthen East and Dinefwr; Carmarthen West and South Pembrokeshire; Gower; Llanelli; Neath; Preseli Pembrokeshire; Swansea East; Swansea West	43,000	-	-	-	-	-
Plymouth	Plymouth, Moor View; Plymouth, Sutton and Devonport; South East Cornwall; South West Devon; Torridge and West Devon; Totnes	24,000	-	-	-	-	-

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Redesdale	Berwick-upon-Tweed; Carlisle; City of Durham; Hexham; North West Durham; Penrith and The Border	4,000	-	-	-	-	-
Rhyl	Aberconwy; Clwyd West; Delyn; Vale of Clwyd	17,000	-	-	-	-	-
Rochdale	Ashton-under-Lyne; Blackley and Broughton; Bolton North East; Bolton South East; Bolton West; Bury North; Bury South; Calder Valley; Chorley; Denton and Reddish; Heywood and Middleton; Manchester Central; Oldham East and Saddleworth; Oldham West and Royton; Rochdale; Rossendale and Darwen; Stalybridge and Hyde; Worsley and Eccles South	74,000	-	-	-	-	-

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Rostherne	Altrincham and Sale West; Ashton-under-Lyne; Blackley and Broughton; Bolton South East; Bolton West; 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 West and Royton; 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	201,000	-	-	-	-	-

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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	55,000	-	-	-	-	-
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	74,000	-	-	-	-	-
St. Bees Head	Copeland; Workington	9,000	-	-	-	-	-

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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; Motherwell and Wishaw; Rutherglen and Hamilton West	35,000	-	-	-	-	-
Scilly St. Marys Airport	St Ives	< 100	-	-	-	-	-
Shap	Copeland; Penrith and The Border; Richmond (Yorks); Westmorland and Lonsdale; Workington	4,000	-	-	-	-	-
Shawbury	Clwyd South; Eddisbury; Ludlow; Montgomeryshire; North Shropshire; Shrewsbury and Atcham; Stafford; Stone; Telford; The Wrekin	25,000	-	-	-	-	-

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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	179,000	-	-	-	-	-
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	63,000	1	63,000	1.60	30,000	0.70

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Stonyhurst	Blackburn; Chorley; Hyndburn; Lancaster and Fleetwood; Morecambe and Lunesdale; Pendle; Ribble Valley; Rossendale and Darwen; Skipton and Ripon; Westmorland and Lonsdale	25,000	-	-	-	-	-
Stornoway	Na h-Eileanan an Iar	2,000	-	-	-	-	-
Strathallan	Argyll and Bute; Dunfermline and West Fife; Glenrothes; Kirkcaldy and Cowdenbeath; North East Fife; Ochil and South Perthshire; Perth and North Perthshire; Stirling; West Dunbartonshire	14,000	1	14,000	0.40	6,000	0.20
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	117,000	-	-	-	-	-

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Threave	Ayr, Carrick and Cumnock; Dumfries and Galloway; Dumfriesshire, Clydesdale and Tweeddale	6,000	-	-	-	-	-
Tibenham	Broadland; Great Yarmouth; Mid Norfolk; North Norfolk; North West Norfolk; Norwich North; Norwich South; South Norfolk; South West Norfolk; Suffolk Coastal; Waveney	49,000	-	-	-	-	-
Tiree	Argyll and Bute; Ross, Skye and Lochaber	< 100	-	-	-	-	-
Trawsgoed	Brecon and Radnorshire; Ceredigion; Dwyfor Meirionnydd; Montgomeryshire	3,000	-	-	-	-	-
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	62,000	-	-	-	-	-

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Tulloch Bridge	Argyll and Bute; Inverness, Nairn, Badenoch and Strathspey; Perth and North Perthshire; Ross, Skye and Lochaber; Stirling	2,000	1	2,000	-	1,000	-
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	68,000	-	-	-	-	-
Walney Island	Barrow and Furness; Copeland; Lancaster and Fleetwood; Morecambe and Lunesdale; Westmorland and Lonsdale	16,000	-	-	-	-	-
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	54,000	-	-	-	-	-

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Weather station	Parliamentary constituencies covered by each weather station	Number eligible for payment	Triggers	Number of payments	Expenditure	Number of payments to those in receipt of Pension Credit	Expenditure to those in receipt of Pension Credit
Westonbirt	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	36,000	-	-	-	-	-
Wick	Caithness, Sutherland and Easter Ross	2,000	-	-	-	-	-
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	30,000	-	-	-	-	-
Yeovilton	Bridgwater and West Somerset; North Dorset; Somerton and Frome; Taunton Deane; Tiverton and Honiton; Wells; West Dorset; Weston-Super-Mare; Yeovil	27,000	-	-	-	-	-
Great Britain		4,055,000	13	131,000	3.30	64,000	1.60

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Notes

1. Cold Weather Payments are paid automatically – eligible recipients do not make a claim to receive payment.
2. A Cold Weather Payment is made to an eligible customer when the average temperature has been recorded as, or is forecasted 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. Most weather stations will cover areas in more than one Parliamentary Constituency.
10. Figures may not sum due to rounding.

Annex 4

Budgeting Loans by Jobcentre Plus Social Fund Budget Area

Jobcentre Plus Social Fund budget area by region	Budgeting Loans		
	Applications Received	Awards	Gross Expenditure £m
East of England			
Essex	25,500	21,100	9.6
Norwich BDC	48,100	38,700	17.6
East Midlands			
East Midlands North	39,300	32,300	14
South East Midlands	43,100	34,600	15
London			
Central and East London	25,700	20,400	9
London South	45,500	36,800	17
North and North East London	24,400	19,400	9
West London	17,300	13,600	6.3
North East			
Northumbria	36,600	29,600	12
South Tyne and Wear Valley	30,200	24,500	10.1
Tees Valley	28,600	24,100	10.1
North West			
Chorlton BDC	108,400	86,300	36.4
Greater Liverpool and Cheshire	67,800	57,100	23.7
Scotland			
Inverness BDC	36,600	29,800	12.4
Springburn BDC	94,700	76,400	31.7

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Jobcentre Plus Social Fund budget area by region	Budgeting Loans		
	Applications received	Awards	Gross expenditure £m
South East			
South East – Berkshire, Oxfordshire, Buckinghamshire and Surrey	23,800	19,200	9.4
South East – Hampshire, Kent and Sussex	69,700	56,400	26.2
South West			
South West Central	63,000	49,300	22.3
Wales			
Llanelli BDC	21,400	17,800	7.8
South East Wales	58,400	46,900	20.5
West Midlands			
West Midlands SF	125,200	101,300	43.7
Yorkshire and the Humber			
Y & H Bradford	37,700	30,400	12.8
Y & H Sheffield	95,000	77,400	32.6

Notes

1. Summing expenditure will give a different total figure to that in Annex 1 as data is obtained from the Policy Budget and Management Information System rather than the Social Fund Account 2016-17
2. The award figures do not include awards made after review, reconsideration or appeal. However, the gross expenditure figure does include such awards.
3. Applications and awards are rounded to the nearest 100; expenditure is rounded to the nearest £100,000.
4. Figures may not sum to the national totals shown elsewhere due to rounding.

Annex 5

Budgeting Loans: Expenditure by Claimant Group

Claimant Group	Budgeting Loans	
	Expenditure (£m)	% of Total Awards
Pensioners	23.6	5.8
Unemployed	77.6	19
Disabled	128.3	31.3
Lone parents	144.3	35.3
Others	35.3	8.6
Total	409.2¹	100

Notes

1. ¹Total expenditure figure differs from Annex 1 as data is obtained from the Policy Budget and Management Information System rather than the Social Fund Account 2016-17.
2. Claimant group definitions are given in Annex 10.
3. Expenditure includes awards made on review, reconsideration or appeal.
4. Expenditure figures are rounded to the nearest £100,000; percentages to the nearest 0.1%.
5. Figures may not sum due to rounding.

Annex 6

Budgeting Loans: Initial Awards by Family Composition

Family type	Number of awards (000)	Gross expenditure (£m)	Average award (£)	% of total number of awards		% of total gross expenditure	
				2015/16	2016/17	2015/16	2016/17
Single person, no children	422	124.1	294	44.4	44.9	30.5	30.6
Couple, no children	55	20.9	379	5.9	5.8	5.2	5.1
Single person or couple with children	464	260.4	561	49.7	49.3	64.4	64.3

Notes

1. Summing expenditure will give a different total figure to that in Annex 1 as this data is obtained from Policy Budget and Management Information System rather than the Social Fund Account 2016-17.
2. There were around 1700 records where the information used to determine family type was not recorded. These figures are not included in the above table, and so these figures will not produce the same totals as in other Annexes. The records not included account for 0.2% of the total number of awards.
3. This table does not include awards or expenditure made on review, reconsideration or appeal
4. Award volumes are rounded to the nearest 1,000; expenditure to the nearest £100,000; average award values to the nearest £1 and percentages to the nearest 0.1%.
5. Figures may not sum due to rounding.

Annex 7

Budgeting Loans: Reasons for initial refusal by Applicant Group

Counts

	Pensioners	Disabled	Lone Parents	Unemployed	Others	Total
Outstanding debt	2,000	27,300	8,000	25,100	7,500	70,000
Not in receipt of a qualifying benefit	500	12,700	1,400	11,000	27,100	52,800
Not in receipt of a qualifying benefit for 26 weeks	300	14,200	12,200	22,100	6,900	55,700
Other	600	2,200	800	1,000	500	5,000
Total	3,300	56,400	22,500	59,300	42,000	183,500

Percentages

	Pensioners	Disabled	Lone Parents	Unemployed	Others	Total
Outstanding debt	59.9	48.4	35.8	42.4	17.8	38.1
Not in receipt of a qualifying benefit	14.9	22.6	6.4	18.6	64.6	28.8
Not in receipt of a qualifying benefit for 26 weeks	8.5	25.2	54.3	37.3	16.5	30.4
Other	16.7	3.9	3.6	1.6	1.1	2.7
Total	100	100	100	100	100	100

Notes

1. Claimant group definitions are given in Annex 10.
2. The qualifying benefits are Income Support, income-related Employment and Support Allowance, income-based Jobseeker's Allowance and Pension Credit.
3. The number of refusals are rounded to the nearest 100; percentages to the nearest 0.1%.
4. Figures may not sum due to rounding.

Annex 8

Summary of Budgeting Loan Review Applications – Data

First Reviews	Budgeting Loans
Number of applications for first review	4,600
Number of decisions revised at first review	700
Percentage revised	14.8

Notes

1. The numbers of applications and decisions are rounded to the nearest 100; the percentage to the nearest 0.1%.
2. Percentage revised is based on unrounded figures

Annex 9

Social Fund Appeals Data

(Supplied by HM Courts and Tribunals Service)

	Social Fund Appeals Dealt with at the First Tier Tribunal April 2016 to March 2017					
	Number of Receipts	Number of Disposals	Number Decided without a Hearing	Number Heard and Decided at Hearing	Number Decided in Appellant's Favour	Percentage Decided in Appellant's Favour
Social Fund (Funeral Payments)	328	294	69	225	57	25%
Social Fund (Maternity)	106	117	9	108	20	19%
Total	434	411	78	333	77	23%

Notes

Percentage found in favour at hearing is based on the number heard and decided at hearing

Although care is taken when processing and analysing the data, the details are subject to inaccuracies inherent in any large-scale case management system and is the best data that is available.

The data is a subset of official statistics.

Annex 10

Client Groups

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

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Others

Includes:

- others
- involved in a trade dispute
- in paid employment (apart from in Annex 2 where this group is treated separately)
- 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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