

NCC-036175-18 - Care Leavers and Council Tax Discretionary Reductions

Dear Requester,

Further to your recent freedom of information request please see the following;

Data Period: January 1st, 2018 and December 31st 2018

The Children and Social Work Act 2017 came into force as of 1st April 2018 and therefore the Council Tax Exemption for Nottinghamshire Care Leavers commenced and backdated to this date. There is therefore no data between 1st Jan 2018 – 31st March 2018 as the exemptions were not agreed.

- Data Cohort: Care Leavers (i.e. a person aged between 16 and 25 years having been looked after by a local authority from 16 years old or any subsequent period after this date) in receipt of a discretionary reduction in Council Tax liability issued in accordance with Section 13A of the Local Government Finance Act 1992 (or equivalent Council Tax Reduction legislation).

The data provided is in relation to 18 – 24 year olds who have been looked after children in Nottinghamshire and are eligible, former relevant and qualifying care leavers. We have no looked after children aged 16 – 17 years liable for Council Tax payments and therefore this is not applicable.

- Date requested: a) The total number of the cohort; b) The number in receipt of 100% discretionary reduction; and c) The number in receipt of 50% or less discretionary reduction.

It has been agreed with all seven district councils in Nottinghamshire, that all Nottinghamshire Care Leavers will receive 100% exemption from paying Council Tax if they are aged between 18 – 24 years old. This eligibility ceases at their 25th birthday. This exemption has been backdated to reflect the implementation of the Children and Social Work Act 2017.

There are currently:

- 432 young people who are eligible for 100% Council Tax exemption in Nottinghamshire
- 193 are aged between 18 – 20 years
- 239 are aged between 21 – 24 years

We trust this now resolves your enquiry, however should you have any further queries please do not hesitate to contact me directly on the details below.

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<http://site.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/thecouncil/democracy/freedom-of-information/disclosure-log/>

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If you are unhappy with the service you have received in relation to your request and wish to make a complaint or request a review of our decision, you should write to the Team

Manager, Complaints and Information Team, County Hall, West Bridgford, Nottingham, NG2 7QP or email complaints@nottscc.gov.uk .

Kind Regards

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Please note:

1. This FOI request has been made because you are a public organisation with responsibility for administering such a scheme.
2. This FOI request does not require the disclosure of any personal information.

Yours faithfully,