

NCC-050312-21 - MND Association-Disabled Grant budget and spend

Dear Requester,

Please accept my sincere apologies for the delay in responding. I now have the information from the department, see below.

*What was your Disabled Facilities Grant budget for the period from 1st April 2019 to 31 March 2020?

£6,950,696

* What proportion of the budget mentioned above was spent on DFGs during the period from 1st April 2019 to 31 March 2020?

District councils would have this information

* How many applications for DFGs did you receive in the period from 1st April 2019 to 31 March 2020?

727 cases that went through as a DFG – currently we don't have the ability to access the information that relates to people who have enquired but been given a different intervention

* How many applications for DFGs did you receive from people living with motor neurone disease in the period from 1st April 2019 to 31 March 2020?

Unable to get the data- not held locally would exceed appropriate limit under act

* What proportion of DFG applications received during the period from 1st April 2019 to 31st March 2020 received a decision within the nationally recommended target timescale of 6 months?

District councils would have this information – the County Council pass on a recommendation the decision as to whether someone is eligible is made by a district or borough council

* What proportion of approved DFG applications received during the period from 1st April 2019 to 31st March 2020 received funding within the nationally recommended target timescale of 1 year?

District councils would have this information

* Do you currently have a fast -track application process in place to provide DFG funding more rapidly to applicants with urgent needs? If yes, what are the eligibility criteria to access this process?

County Council OTs can ask a district or borough council to fast track a DFG – there is no written process as each district and borough council applies slightly different processes. It is usually based on an individual's health status and need and also linked in with life expectancy.

* How many applications were made under the fast track process (if applicable) during the period from 1st April 2019 to 31st March 2020, and how many of these were approved?

District councils would have this information

* Are there any circumstances in which the DFG mandatory means test is waived and if so, what are those circumstances? (e.g. for adaptations under a certain cost or of a certain type)

Children do not have a means test applied. Adults do. District and borough councils in Nottinghamshire currently don't have any agreement to waive mandatory DFG means test. However, district and borough councils can use DFGs funding for discretionary projects or to top up mandatory DFG grants.

* How many applications for DFGs did you receive in the period from 1st April 2020 to 31 March 2021?

Still awaiting data but numbers were down due to Covid

* What proportion of DFG applications completed during the period from 1st April 2020 to 31st March 2021 received a decision within the nationally recommended target timescale of 6 months?

District councils would have this information

* What proportion of approved DFG applications completed during the period from 1st April 2020 to 31st March 2021 received funding within the nationally recommended target timescale of 1 year?

District councils would have this information

* Do you currently provide a single point of contact for applicants to approach for information and guidance during the process of applying for and receiving DFG funding?

NCC – Customer Service Centre provide the first point of contact and can provide basic details about the DFG process. District and borough councils can also provide guidance and information to individuals who wish to apply for a DFG.

* Do you currently have an accessible housing register for your local authority area that is publicly available?

No – NCC is not responsible for housing – this is a district and borough council function – individual housing authorities may have some knowledge of what accessible housing exists but there is not a housing register across the county.

You may have contacted these councils already in connection with your request, but if not, their contact details are below:

Ashfield District Council: foi@ashfield.gov.uk

Bassetlaw District Council: FOIrequests@bassetlaw.gov.uk

Broxtowe Borough Council: foi@broxtowe.gov.uk

Gedling Borough Council: inforequest@gedling.gov.uk

Mansfield District Council: mdcfoi@ashfield.gov.uk

Newark & Sherwood District: freedom@nsdc.info

Rushcliffe Borough Council: customerservices@rushcliffe.gov.uk

Nottingham City Council: informationrights@nottinghamcity.gov.uk

We trust this now resolves your enquiry. Where we have not been able to provide details, we expect that this information is not held by Nottinghamshire County Council at this time.

We suggest all requesters search under our publication scheme in advance of requesting information under the freedom of information act.

Nottinghamshire County Council regularly publishes previous FOIR, s and answers on its website, under Disclosure logs. (see link)

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

You can use the search facility using keywords. i.e. care / home etc.

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Kind Regards

Complaints and Information Team

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