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Your ref:

Our ref: **RFI-2016-1503**

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Dear S40 (2)

Request for information: RFI-2016-1503

Your request for information about the impact of the benefit cap has now been considered. The information held by the Council relevant to your request is set out below:

- How many tenants or benefit recipients are now affected
25 cases have been capped since 7th November 2016
- How many tenants or benefit recipients were affected under the first benefit cap
Prior to 7th November the number of cases varied (initial cap went live in 2013). From 1st April 2016 to 6th November 2016 5 cases had a live cap record applied
- How many of these tenants are in rent arrears?
Data not held this would be with individual landlords
- What size home tenants affected by the new benefit cap occupy? i.e. 1 bed, 2 bed
Number of bedrooms varies but no 1 bedroomed properties have been capped
- How much money has been spent by the council to support people affected by the new benefit cap i.e. helping to manage money, set up training or employment opportunities
Costings of time spent on benefit cap has not been recorded. It has been treated as part of day to day business>

This request has been handled under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

If you have any further queries or concerns about the information provided please do not hesitate to contact us. If we do not hear from you within 40 days, starting the day after the date of this letter, we will consider the request closed.

If following our response to your query you are still dissatisfied you have the right to request an internal review. This will be conducted by the Director of Safety or the Deputy Chief Executive who have not been involved with the request or complaint until this point. Should you wish to proceed to this stage please advise us quoting the reference number at the top of this page.

Should you be dissatisfied with the outcome of any internal review to the Council you have a further right of appeal to the Information Commissioner's Office, details of which can be found on the Information Commissioner's website www.ico.org.uk/

More details of this complaints process are available to view on our website at the following link:
www.newark-sherwooddc.gov.uk/yourcouncil/makingarequestforinformation/accesstoinformation-complaintsprocedure/

Yours sincerely

David Clarke

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Information Governance Officer