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Dear Sir/Madam

Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) Request ID: FOI335711768

Thank you for your request for information relating to self-isolation payments administered by Councils.

You have requested the following information:

- 1. Overall, as of 27th April 2021, how many applications to the Test and Trace Support Payment Scheme have been:
- a. Received?

Main – 1119 Discretionary – 1341

b. Processed?

Main – 1119 Discretionary – 1341

c. Accepted?

Main – 668 Discretionary – 266

d. Rejected?

Main – 452 Discretionary – 1074

If possible, please could the above be split by main and discretionary scheme. I understand that this is not always possible due to how applications are processed.

2. Since the scheme was extended to include parents or guardians of isolating children (announced in February, but introduced in March), how many applications in total (not just those from parents and carers) have you:

a. Received?

Main – 113 Discretionary – 133

b. Processed?

Main – 113 Discretionary – 133

c. Accepted?

Main – 74 Discretionary – 47

d. Rejected?

Main – 39 Discretionary – 86

Again, if possible, please could the above be split by main and discretionary scheme.

3. When the scheme was extended to cover parents and carers of self-isolating children, new funding was also announced for the discretionary scheme. Except for it now being open to parents and carers, did the new funding lead to any other widening of the eligibility criteria for the discretionary scheme?

Yes, we increased the income level from £18,900 to £25,000 and our maximum savings level to £6,000.

4. At any point during the running of the scheme, did you run out of discretionary funding

(even if this was later topped up)?

We can advise that we did not run out of discretionary funding.

5. If possible, please could you provide a breakdown of accepted and rejected applications by: gender, ethnicity, employment status, and disability?

We can confirm that we do not hold this information and are advising you as per Section 1(1) of the Act. We do not record this level of detail.

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Yours faithfully

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