

Discretionary Housing Payment (DHP) Data Telford & Wrekin Council

The Department for Work and Pensions (DWP) grant each Council a budget from which they can award DHPs. Any amount not spent has to be returned to the DWP. This page gives details of Telford & Wrekin's expenditure on DHPs, a more detailed breakdown is available below for 2013/14.

DHPs are additional payments over and above Housing Benefit which can be paid to people struggling to pay a shortfall between the rent they are charged and the Housing Benefit they are entitled to. More information on DHPs in Telford & Wrekin including how to make an application can be found [here](#).

DHP Expenditure

Year	Maximum Budget awarded by Department for Work and Pensions (DWP)	DHP Expenditure	Number of Awards (based on DWP's definition)*
2008/09	£27,879	£27,853	123
2009/10	£31,844	£30,313	158
2010/11	£27,148	£27,662	181
2011/12	£50,859	£34,236	192
2012/13	**£119,433	£105,857	462
2013/14	£356,911	£356,373	1,489

*Please note that the DWP definition for number of awards for financial returns is different to that for the figures below as a change in the amount of DHP entitlement during an award counts as separate awards in the table above.

** The budget for 2012/13 included £16,623 that the DWP allowed to be carried over from 2011/12

Breakdown of DHP Expenditure for 2013/14

The following tables give details of DHP expenditure based on DWP return criteria. Please note that the figures differ very slightly to the return that was submitted to DWP as the figures below are based on the final reconciliation figures.

DHP Expenditure by Reason for Rent Shortfall 2013/14

Reason for rent shortfall	Number of awards	£
Benefit Cap	12	£9,514.52
Removal of spare room subsidy	871	£244,306.96
Private sector benefit reforms	64	£20,720.18
Combination of reforms	5	£1,972.69
Not impacted by reform, but still needed assistance	226	£79,858.65
Total	1,178	£356,373.00

Number of DHP Awards based on Reason for DHP 2013/14

Reason DHP Granted	Number of Awards
To help secure move to alternative accommodation e.g. rent deposit	1
To help with short-term rental costs while the claimant secures and moves to alternative accommodation	426
To help with short-term rental costs while the claimant seeks employment	196
To help with on going rental costs for disabled person in adapted accommodation	39
To help with on going rental costs for foster carer	0
To help with on-going rental costs for any other reason	516
Total	1,178