

Freedom of Information Request No. 5174

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Request/Response

1a) In £, the total amount of Council Tax which was unpaid, by municipal year from 2012/13 and including any arrears in 2018/19 to date);

2012/13	£80,924.94
2013/14	£120,694.16
2014/15	£152,441.37
2015/16	£180,346.32
2016/17	£307,616.16
2017/18	£431,990.80
2018/19	£1,524,020.27

Information as at 19.03.2019.

1b) The total amount of Council Tax, in £, which was owed but never paid by Universal Credit claimants since 2012/13 (broken down by municipal year and including any arrears in 2018/19 to date);

2012/13	0.00
2013/14	0.00
2014/15	0.00
2015/16	£574.29
2016/17	£7,199.24
2017/18	£43,077.53
2018/19	£171,941.27

The first UC claims in Rother started in April 2015.

1c) The number of households in receipt of Universal Credit which are currently in arrears on their Council Tax;

352

2) Since the national introduction of Universal Credit from 2013 onwards, has your authority had to reduce the number of housing officers dealing with benefits queries because of a reduction in government funding? If so, please provide figures for government funding (in £) and staffing numbers (in Full Time Equivalents) before and after these reductions;

No