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Information request

I'm seeking to obtain numbers of older people (aged 65 years & over), who are blind or deaf or both for the Council areas of Highland and Argyll Bute

DWP response

In response to your specific question, the information the Department holds is available in the table below. Please note that the figures provided are for the number of people who are entitled to claim Disability Living Allowance (DLA) or Attendance Allowance (AA), where the main disabling condition is Deafness, Blindness or Deaf/Blind.

Number of people, aged 65 or over, who are entitled to claim DLA or AA where the main disabling condition is Deafness, Blindness or Deaf/Blind in Argyll Bute and the Highlands Local Authorities: February 2012

Benefit	Main Disabling condition	Local Authority		
		Total	Argyll & Bute	Highlands
AA	Total	1,742,180	3,380	6,450
	Blindness	63,560	140	250
	Deafness	10,410	20	20
	Deaf/Blind	40	-	-
DLA	Total	897,720	1,360	2,930
	Blindness	19,440	50	70
	Deafness	4,670	-	10
	Deaf/Blind	160	-	-

Source:

DWP Information Governance and Security: Work and Pensions Longitudinal Study.

1. Caseload figures are rounded to the nearest 10. '-' denotes nil or negligible.
2. Figures include people with entitlement where the payment has been suspended for example if they are in hospital.
3. A diagnosed medical condition does not mean that someone is automatically entitled to an allowance. Entitlement is dependent on an assessment of how much help someone needs with personal care and/or mobility because of their disability.

4. Main Disabling condition: Where more than one disability is present only the main disabling condition is recorded
5. These statistics are only collected for administrative purposes.