

## **Freedom of Information request 2014-519**

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**Date of response: 3 March 2014**

### **Information request**

In August last year, we were sent information via a FOI response, on the number of Lambeth benefit claimants paid by bank account, Post Office Card Account and cheque (ref. 2013-3715). The figures we received were from December 2012, which at the time was the most recent information available. Would it be possible to get an updated figure? We are doing a lot of work ahead of the introduction of UC to try to reach out to people who don't have a bank account, or have one but aren't using it for benefit payments, and so this information would be really useful for us.

### **DWP response**

In response to your query, the table below relates to the number of payment accounts where the claimant is in receipt of one or more of the following DWP administered benefits in February 2013, which is the latest information available:

Employment and Support Allowance  
Income Support  
Jobseekers Allowance  
Pension Credit  
Industrial Injuries Disablement Benefit  
Retirement Pension  
Incapacity Benefit  
Severe Disablement Allowance  
Widow's Benefit  
Bereavement Benefit  
Attendance Allowance  
Disability Living Allowance  
Carers Allowance

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**Method of payment accounts in Lambeth local authority - February 2013**

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| <b>Local Authority</b> | <b>Total all accounts</b> | <b>Post Office Card Accounts</b> | <b>Bank/Building Society Accounts</b> | <b>Cheque Accounts</b> | <b>Simple Payment accounts</b> |
|------------------------|---------------------------|----------------------------------|---------------------------------------|------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Lambeth                | 79,790                    | 13,650                           | 65,510                                | 450                    | 180                            |

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**Source:** DWP, Information, Governance and Security Directorate (IGS), 100% data

**Notes**

1. Figures are rounded to the nearest ten. Totals may not sum due to rounding.
2. Figures only relate to accounts live and in payment on the specified date.
3. Figures refer to payment accounts. Claimants with more than one account will be counted for each account.
4. Child Benefit is now administered by HM Revenue & Customs (HMRC) and War Pensions are now administered by the Ministry of Defence (MOD). These benefits have therefore been excluded.
5. From October 2012 Simple Payments accounts were introduced.

**Please note that the figures supplied are derived from unpublished information and have not been quality assured to National Statistics or Official Statistics publication standard. They should therefore be treated with caution.**