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Our Ref: FOI 365

Request

We received your request on 27 March 2024 for the following information:

*Requesting the annual expenditure on Housing Benefits for people of pension age.
Also information of the evolution of the expenditure in the past two decades if possible.*

Your request has been handled under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA).

Our response

The Housing Benefit department is not required to collate or report an expenditure breakdown between working age and pension credit age customers; therefore, this information is not available.

However, at the end of financial year 2022/23, the total Housing Benefit expenditure was £473.29 million.

The Housing Benefit caseload at that time was 99,077. Of this total 56,014 were working age and 34,863 were pension credit age.

This concludes our response.