



**Money &
Pensions
Service**

By Email Only

21st June 2021

Freedom of Information Ref No. FOI44

Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request received on 25th May 2021 concerning the allocation of the Debt Advice Levy Awards for 2019-2021.

You asked the Money and Pensions Service the following:

“This is a request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. I hereby request the following: A breakdown of Funding Awarded in respect of the Debt Advice Levy to organisations, companies, and individuals (where applicable). Please confirm the total annual award, by Recipient for the financial years 2019/20 and 2020/21.”

Money and Pensions Service Response:

I am writing to confirm that we have now completed a search for the information you requested. The Money and Pensions Service (MaPS) does hold information relevant to your request, and I have responded to your points accordingly. Additionally, some of the information within the scope of your request is exempt under the Freedom of Information Act.

MaPS provides Debt Advice which is funded by the Financial Services Levy. In 2019/20 it provided £43.93m in total across the following organisations and initiatives: CITA Innovations, StepChange, Money Advice Trust, CITA Knowsley, Toynbee Hall, Talking Money, Community Advice Law Service, and PACE - Pilot of Adviser Capacity and Efficiency. The PACE component was funded through Citizens Advice, StepChange, and the Money Advice Trust.

MaPS aims to publish a comprehensive report of its annual accounts for 2020/21 shortly. The details are currently being reviewed but will be available on MaPS website at which point a breakdown can be provided upon request. For this reason, this information is exempt under Section 22 which covers information intended for future publication.

Additional content on the award of grants is available via the following links:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/government-grants-data-and-statistics> and

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/987088/Government_grants_register_2019_to_2020_-_scheme_and_award_data.ods

I hope this information is useful. If you have any queries about my response to your request do not hesitate to contact me.

Money and Pensions Service

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Please remember to quote the reference number above in any future communication.

Yours sincerely,



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Your right to complain under the Freedom of Information Act

If you are not happy with this response you can ask for an internal review by e-mailing foi@maps.org.uk or by writing to Money and Pensions Service, 120 Holborn, London, EC1N 2TD. Any review request should be sent within two months of the date of this letter.

If you are not content with the outcome of an internal review you may apply directly to the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO) for a decision. Generally, the ICO cannot make a decision unless you have exhausted our own complaints procedure.

The ICO can be contacted at Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow Cheshire SK9 5AF
<https://ico.org.uk/global/contact-us/> or telephone 0303 123 1113 or 01625 545745