

Can you please advise how many applications and how much money has been paid out in the Child Funeral Fund, the Widowed Parent's Allowance and Bereavement Support Payments between 2019 and 2023. Please all provide a breakdown of applications by council area. Thank you.

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Date: 27th February 2024

Mr

Freedom of Information Act 2000

I refer to your narrowed request dated 01st February 2024 seeking information held by the Department.

You specifically requested the number of applications and how much money has been paid out in the Child Funeral Fund from its commencement on 01st June 2022 to date and by council area.

There were 292 applications received for Child Funeral Fund upto and including the 31st January 2024 and 261 of these were paid.

The breakdown of these paid claims per council area is:

Council Area	Number of Claims	Amount paid
Antrim and Newtownabbey	27	£82,512.00
Ards and North Down	16	£48,896.00
Armagh City, Banbridge Craigavon	31	£94,736.00
Belfast	52	£158,912.00
Causeway Coast and Glens	14	£42,784.00
Derry City and Strabane District	26	£79,456.00

Donegal	1	£3,056.00
Fermanagh and Omagh	16	£48,896.00
Lisburn and Castlereagh	11	£33,616.00
Mis and East Antrim	23	£70,288.00
Mid Ulster	22	£67,232.00
Newry, Mourne and Down	22	£67,232.00

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The Information Commissioner can be contacted at:

Information Commissioner's Office
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
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If you have any queries about this letter, please contact me. Please remember to quote the reference number above in any future communications.

Yours sincerely,

Pension Centre