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Disabled Facilities Grants

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Information Request and Response by Lewes District Council

1. *What was your Disabled Facilities Grant budget for the period from 1st April 2016 to 31 March 2017?* **888k**
2. *What proportion of the budget mentioned above was spent on DFGs during the period from 1st April 2016 to 31 March 2017?* **65%**
3. *How many applications for DFGs did you receive in the period from 1st April 2016 to 31 March 2017?* **86**
4. *How many applications for DFGs did you receive from people living with motor neurone disease in the period from 1st April 2016 to 31 March 2017?* **Lewes District Council does not record this information**
5. *How many applications for DFGs were rejected in the period from 1st April 2016 to 31 March 2017?* **24 applications did not proceed (not necessarily rejected)**
6. *How many applications for DFGs from people living with motor neurone disease were rejected in the period from 1st April 2016 to 31 March 2017?* **Lewes District Council does not record this information**
7. *Please provide a breakdown of the reasons for rejecting DFG applications in the period from 1st April 2016 to 31 March 2017.* **8 because following a means test they had a large contribution, 6 applicants moved to more suitable accommodation, 6 applicants did not give a reason, 4 applicants had the work carried out by their family.**
8. *What proportion of DFG applications received during the period from 1st April 2016 to 31st March 2017 received a decision within the nationally recommended target timescale of 6 months?* **100%**

9. *What proportion of approved DFG applications received during the period from 1st April 2016 to 31st March 2017 received funding within the nationally recommended target timescale of 1 year?* **100%**
10. *Do you currently have a fast –track application process in place to provide DFG funding more rapidly to applicants with urgent needs?*
Yes
11. *How many applications were made under the fast track process (if applicable) during the period from 1st April 2016 to 31st March 2017, and how many of these were approved?* **4 applications made and all were approved**
12. *How many requests for funding under £1000 for equipment and adaptations were received during the period from 1st April 2016 to 31st March 2017, and how many of these were approved?* **Unknown as all work under £1000 is carried out by East Sussex County Council**