

Essential Reference Paper B

| Purpose and scope | Likely flow of data | DWP guidance | |
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| | | Type of data | Example use at Stevenage Borough Council |
| <p>Bedroom tax (Social sector size criteria)</p> <p>New benefit rules linking amount of HB to number of bedrooms. Purpose is to identify and then support people affected by the new rules.</p> | <p>Between LA HB teams, other parts of the same LA, or other LAs, and between LAs and social landlords</p> | <p>Landlord can confirm property details to help identify people affected by the new rules. LA HB team can share details about the HB award to help decide what support might be available.</p> | <p>Enables the Partnership to provide information on the council tenants that are impacted by Bedroom Tax to the Housing Management service, so that they can provide appropriate advice and support.</p> <p>This was information was provided to the Income Team in Housing Management in December 2013.</p> |
| <p>Benefit cap</p> <p>Restrictions on amount of HB a person can receive. Purpose is to identify and then support people affected by the new rules.</p> | <p>Between Different parts of a LA, or different LAs, and between LAs and social landlords</p> | <p>Details of HB award and any shortfall in amount can be supplied to a landlord so that the landlord and LA can consider what help might be provided.</p> | <p>The Partnership could provide information on impacted households to a council service that needed to provide additional support.</p> |
| <p>Homeless functions</p> <p>LAs have duties under housing legislation to help prevent or reduce homelessness.</p> | <p>Between LA HB teams, other parts of the same LA, or other LAs LAs</p> | <p>A range of social security (including details of the HB award) or welfare related information may be shared, in order to identify</p> | <p>Currently used to provide claim information to the Homeless service in urgent circumstances until formal</p> |

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