

## **Freedom of Information – Response –26766**

*Please could you supply the following information requested under the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act 2000:*

- 1. The policy or procedure for checking the legitimacy of service charges where a resident is claiming benefits to cover them.*
- 2. The number of housing benefit or universal credit claimants whose service charges are paid directly to their landlord, including where this is a single payment incorporating rents plus service charges.*
- 3. The proportion of the above whose landlords are housing associations, if recorded.*

We are writing to advise you that, following a search of our paper and electronic records, it has been established that the information you requested is not held by Suffolk County Council. The Council does not own or manage any housing.

If you have not already done so, then you may wish to write to the Borough and District Councils of Suffolk:

- Babergh Mid Suffolk District Council  
[Freedom of Information - Babergh District Council - babergh.gov.uk / midsuffolk.gov.uk](http://babergh.gov.uk/freedom-of-information)
- East Suffolk  
[https://www.eastsuffolk.gov.uk/home/SearchForm/?url=/home/SearchForm&Search=freedom+of+information&fo=8&action\\_results=Go](https://www.eastsuffolk.gov.uk/home/SearchForm/?url=/home/SearchForm&Search=freedom+of+information&fo=8&action_results=Go)
- West Suffolk  
<https://www.westsuffolk.gov.uk/Council/Data-and-information/freedom-of-information.cfm>
- Ipswich Borough Council  
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