

# Welfare Reform

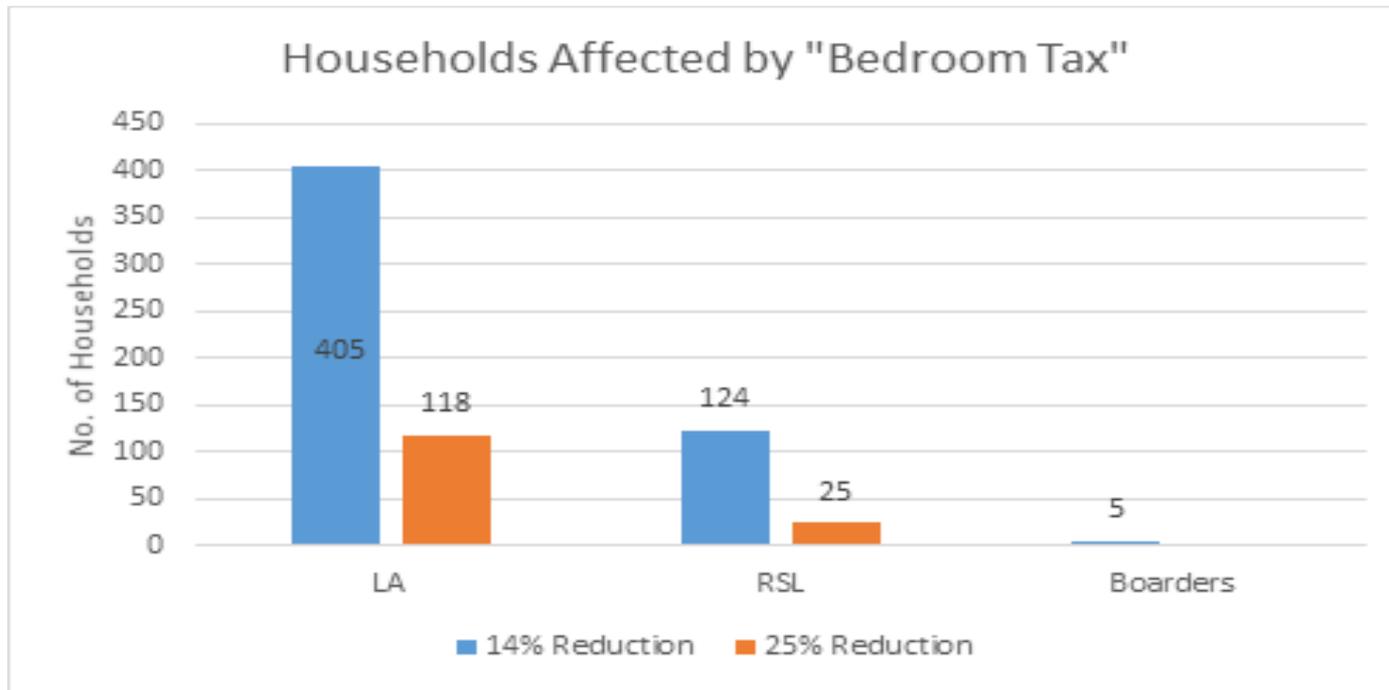
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# Background

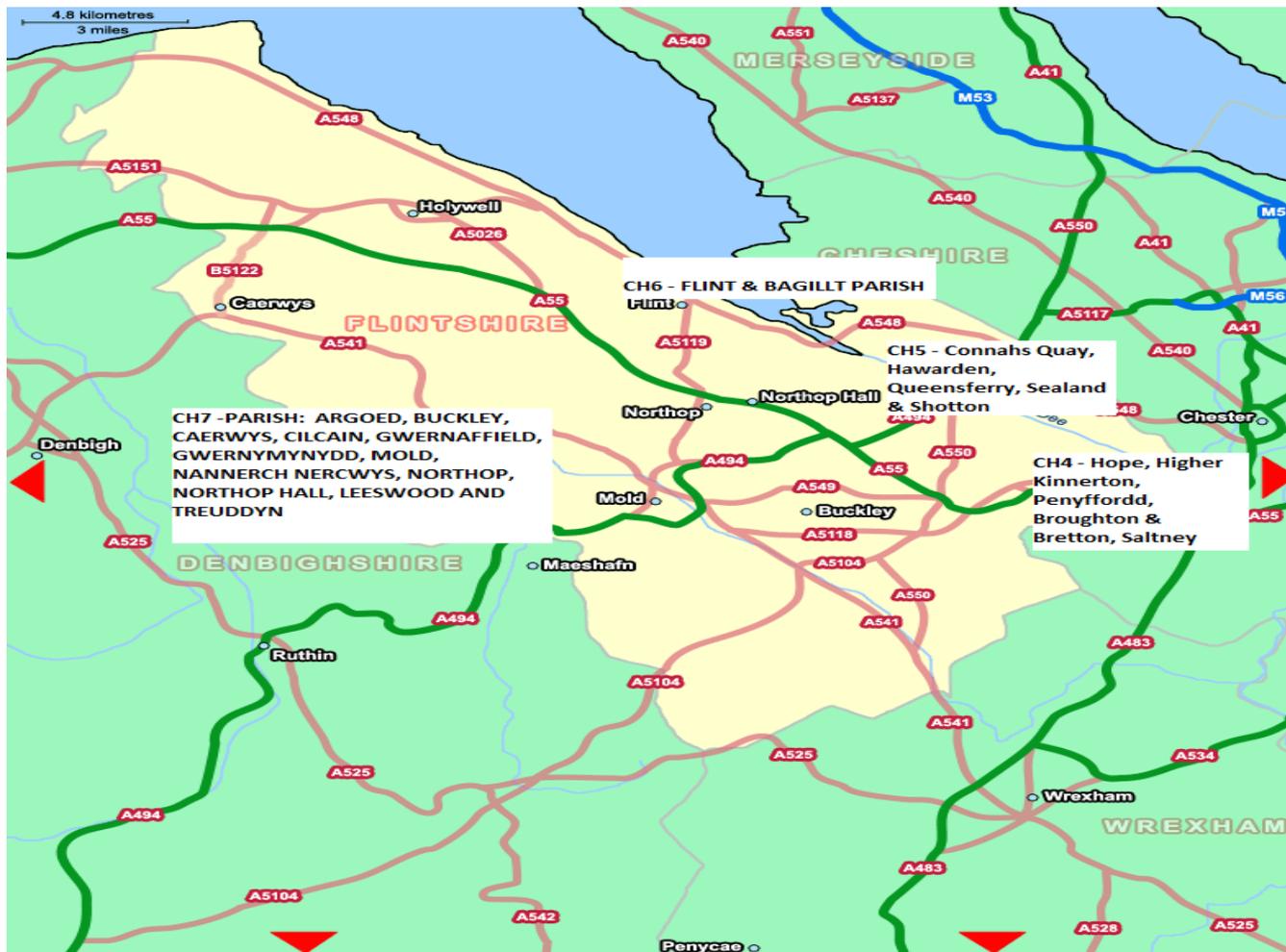
- The Welfare Reform Act 2012 introduced reforms that reduced expenditure on social security benefits by £19 billion pa and the Welfare Reform and Work Act 2016 is introducing reforms which will reduce expenditure by a further £12 billion pa.
- Since 2012, Flintshire County Council together with its partners have attempted to mitigate the full impacts of the reforms from falling upon vulnerable Flintshire residents and the report considers how to continue managing the impacts of the reforms introduced under the provisions of the Welfare Reform and Work Act 2016.

# Current Impacts of Welfare Reforms

- Maximum Rent Social Sector (also known as “Bedroom Tax”).

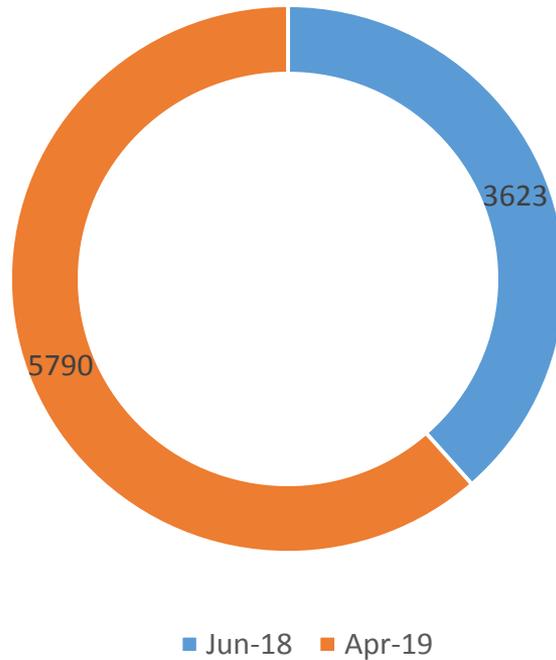


# Highest Proportion of residents impacted by the 'Bedroom Tax'



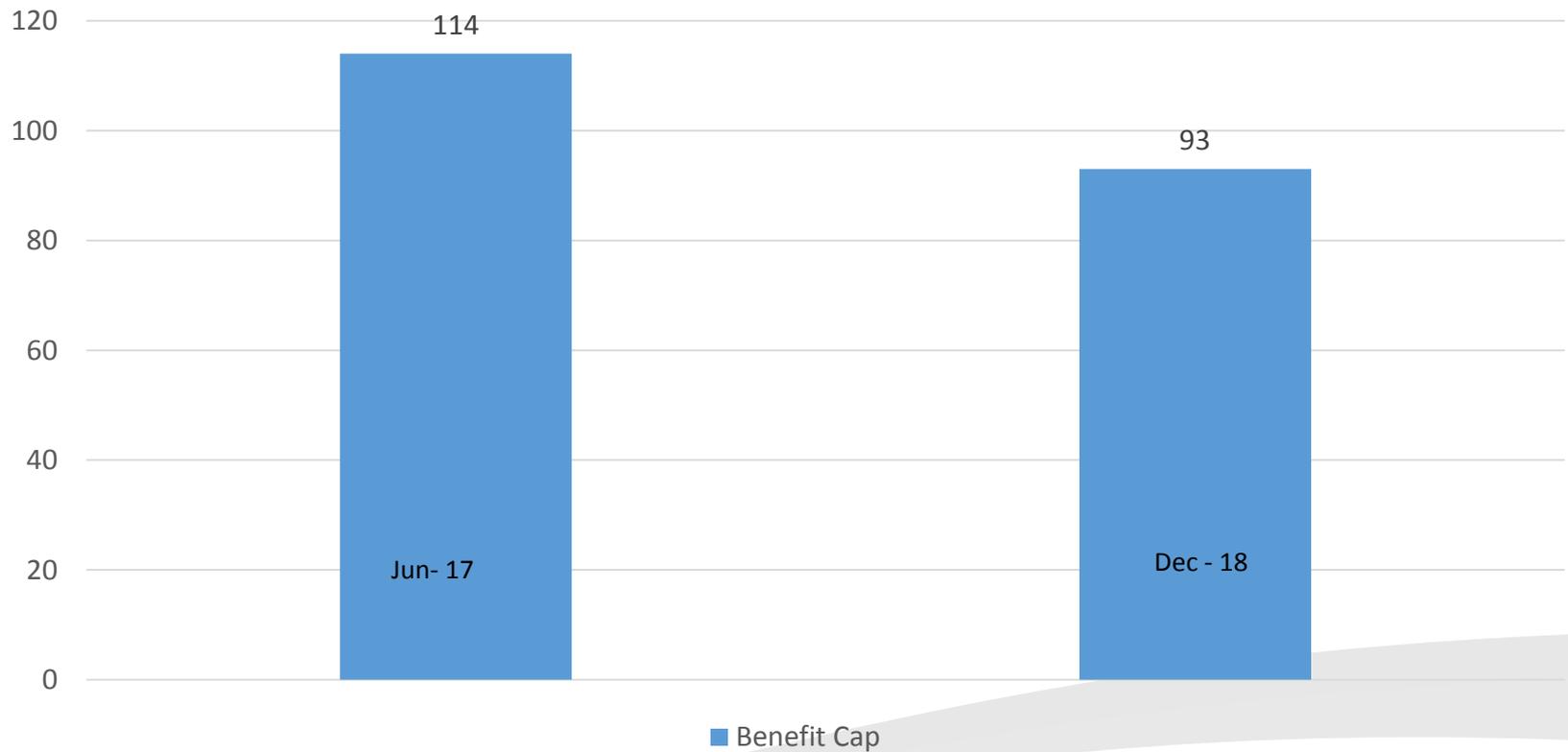
# Universal Credit

Universal Credit Caseload



# Benefit Cap

Households affect by the Benefit Cap

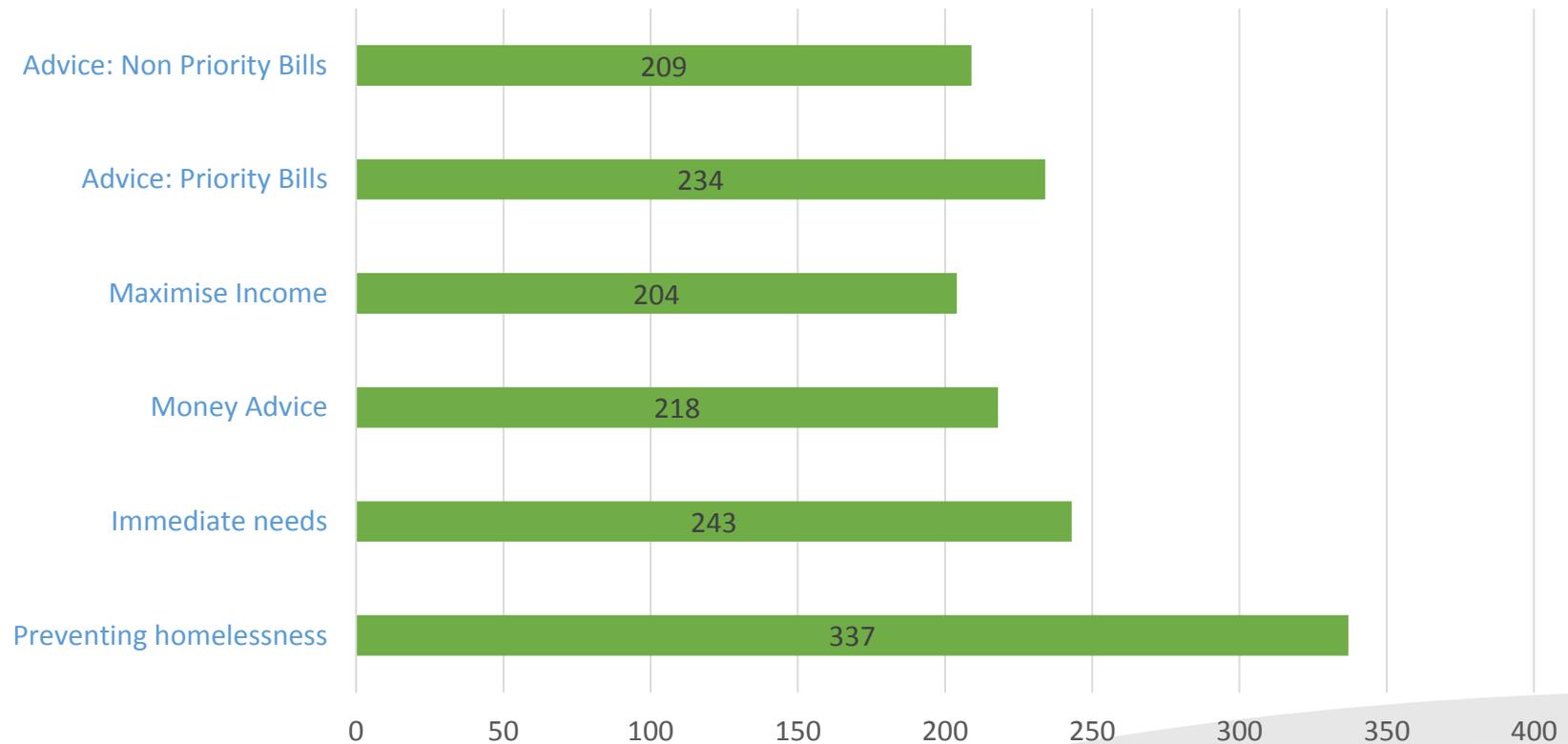


# Welfare Reform Team Support



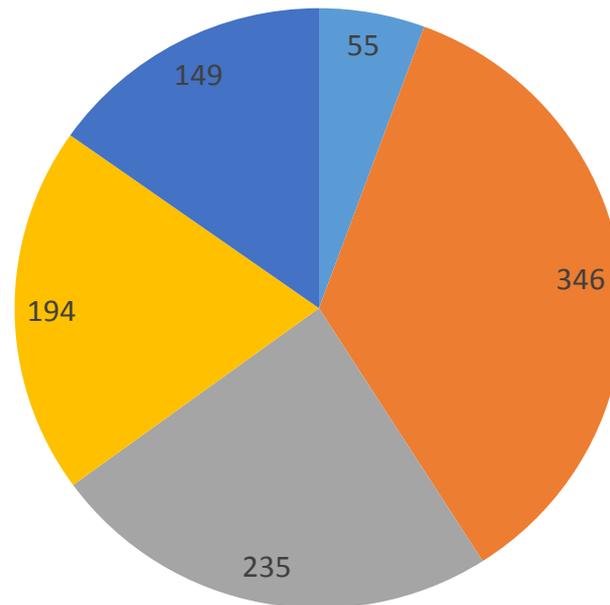
# Welfare Reform Team Support

2018-19



# Discretionary Housing Payments

Impact of Welfare Reforms



■ Benefit Cap   ■ Bedroom Tax   ■ LHA Restrictions   ■ Combination of Reforms   ■ No Impacts

# April 2019 – What Changed?



# Proactive Engagement





# Case Study



Council Tenant

Subject to the  
'bedroom tax'

Former victim of  
Domestic Abuse

Struggling to pay  
her rent and  
bills

Health Issues

Lack of healthy  
affordable food

# What did we do?

Awarded a DHP

Advised her  
about our 'Good  
Food Hubs'

Referral for  
Carpet



# Thank you Diolch



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