

Derbyshire Discretionary Fund

April 2015



- Operational from April 2013
- Established to administer funding devolved from the Department for Work and Pensions for 'local welfare provision'
- Six "key principles" which are.....



- effective signposting
- understanding relevant alternative provision
- not taking over the role of other agencies
- focusing on those in greatest difficulty, with a more flexible response
- assessing according to nature, urgency and extent of need
- budgetary position always borne in mind



Emergency Cash Payments:

To meet an urgent need for food, heating, or travel expenses that poses an immediate or substantial risk to the health and safety of the person(s).

Maximum amount is 75% of single person means tested benefit (currently £54) with additional maximum amount of £10 per family member



Exceptional Pressure Grants:

Payable to people who are, or have recently been, receiving specified benefits, and have limited available capital.

There are five criteria under which a payment can be made.....



- Helping people establish themselves in the community
- Helping people remain in the community
- Easing exceptional pressures on applicant and their family
- Help setting up home as part of a re-settlement programme
- Some travel expenses, e.g. to attend a close relative's funeral



Payments are made by:

- Post Office cash voucher
- Pre-paid vouchers for specific stores
- BACS transfer eg rent in advance to landlords, furniture re-use projects



13744 applications received in the first year 13/14

3191 Exceptional Pressure Grants

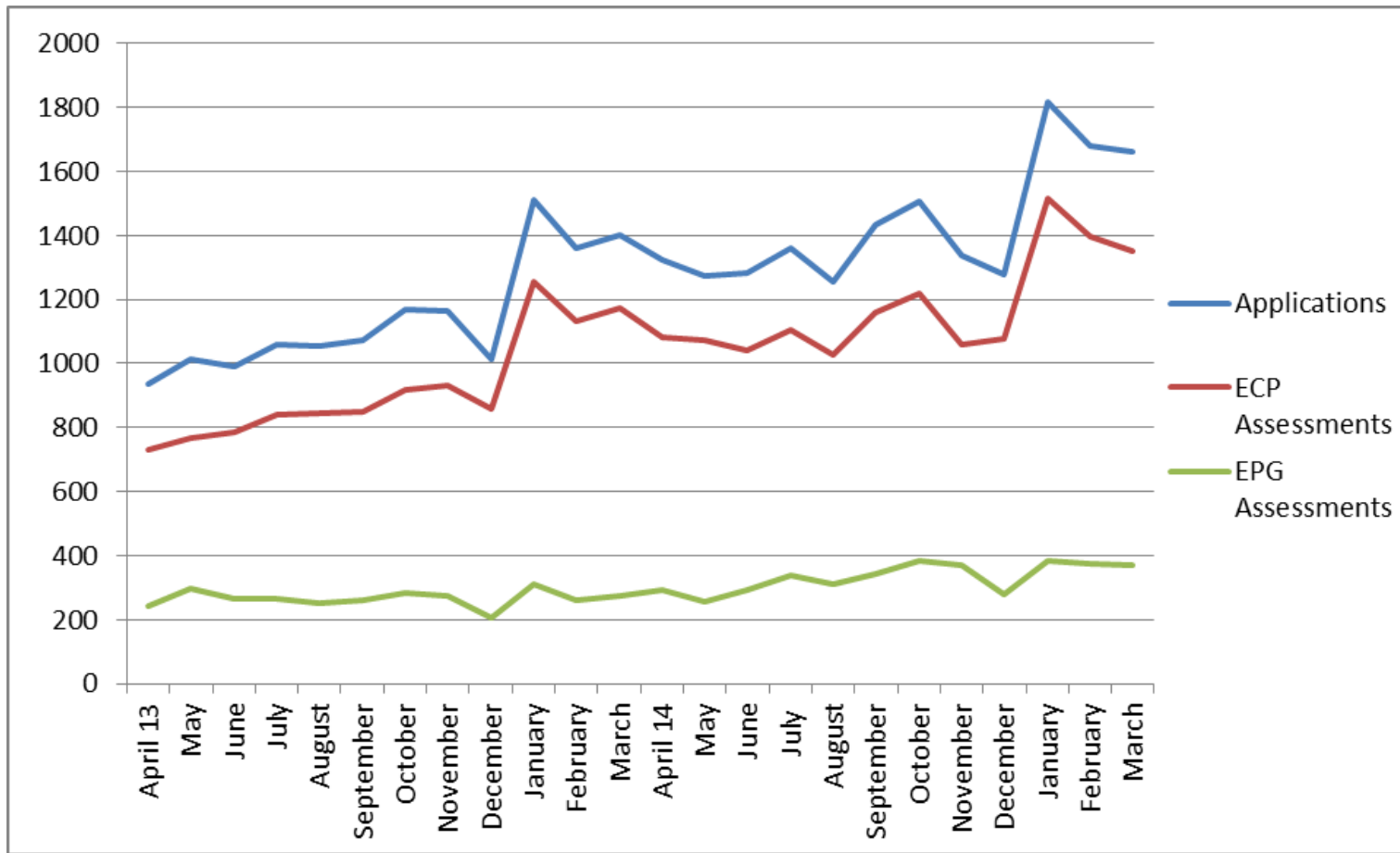
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17211 applications received in 14/15

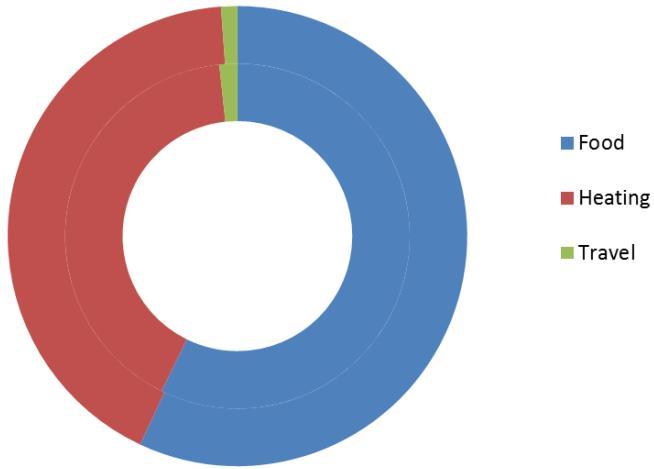
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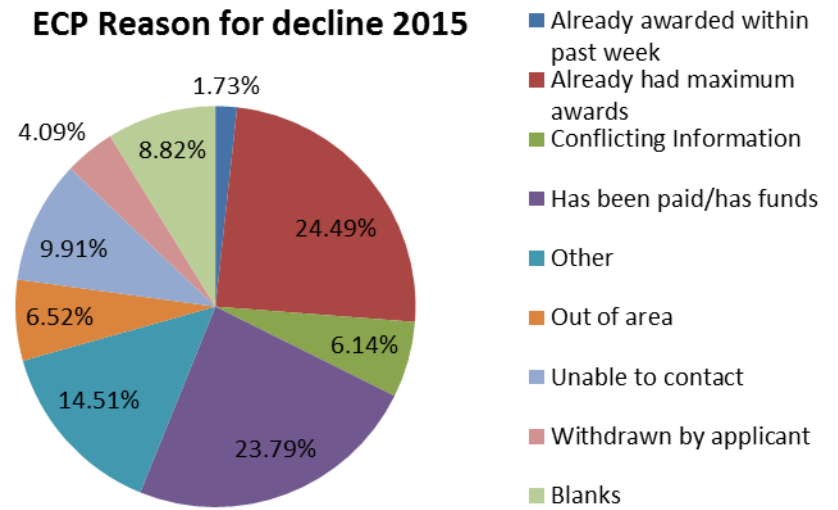




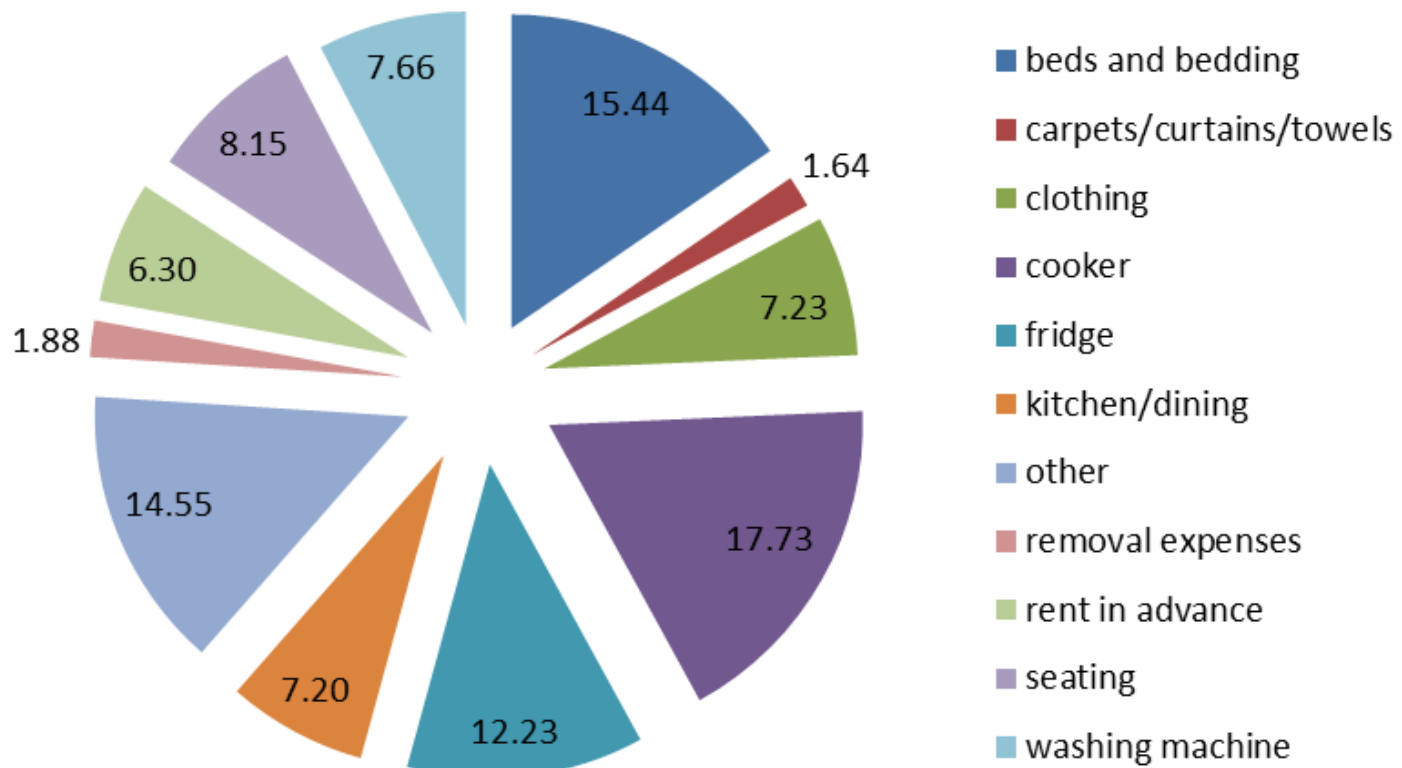
Emergency Cash Payments awarded for:
 (outer ring = 2013/14, inner ring = 2014/15)



ECP Reason for decline 2015



Items awarded under Exceptional Pressure Grants - 2014/15





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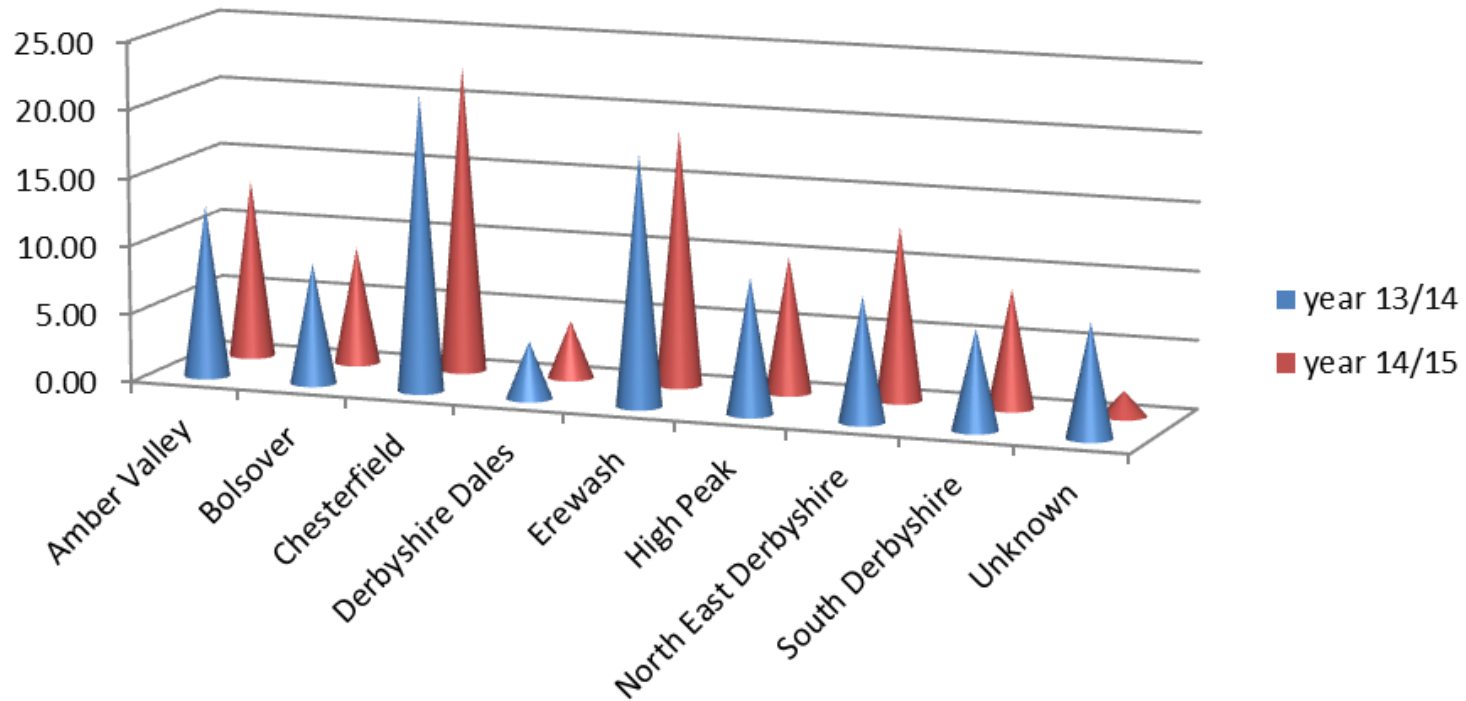
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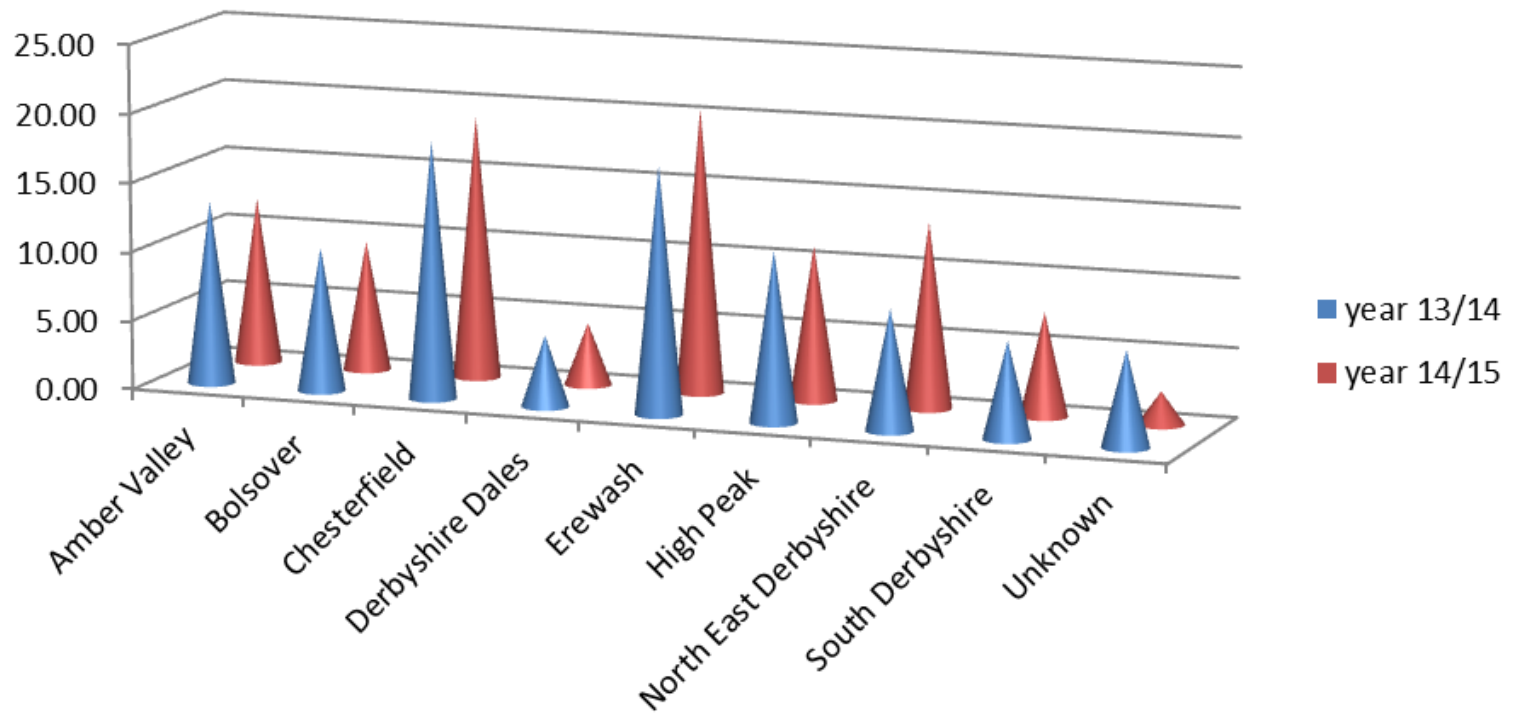
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Emergency Cash Payment Applications by District/Borough - two years



Exceptional Pressure Grant Applications by District/Borough - two years



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