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For the financial years 2019,2020 & 2021 to date could you please provide the costs incurred to your local authority to reprocess applications for housing & council benefit support caused by details of persons in receipt of a military pension under the Armed Forces Pension Scheme not being available in April at the start of the tax year caused by Equinity Paymaster?

The cost to the council is negligible. We have checked our current caseload and we do not have any cases recorded with Armed Forces Payment income types, although these income types are available for use.

It is possible that these may have been declared differently or if part of the automated DWP process, loaded with a War Disablement or War Widows income code.

The amount of War Disablement/War Widows cases is very low, 0.2% of our entire case load, therefore the cost of reworking these cases is negligible.