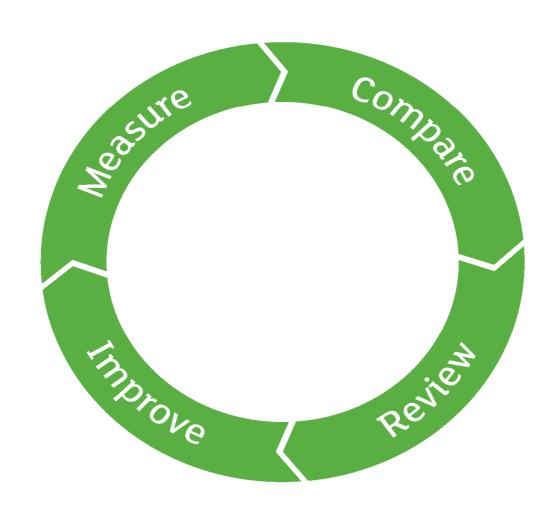


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2017 - Barchester Comparator Report



This is a sample report. The averages contained within this report have been adjusted so they do not reflect true club averages.

Normally we would include a separate key with this report which would indicate which letter stood for which comparator.

Assessments 14/05/2018

#### INTRODUCTION

This comparator report compares your performance with the authorities which you self-selected listed on the Appendix page. It is divided into 10 sections.

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#### Section 1 - Summary

This section shows the overall financial effectiveness of local authorities by looking at a summary of **cost, income** and **billing**. It also shows timeseries for the **cost per user** and **cost as a percentage of income** for both **residential** and **non-residential** care.

#### **Section 2 - Workload Measures**

This section concentrates on three key workload measures. These are the **number of service users per '000 of population**, the value of debt raised per user and assessments per user.

#### Section 3 - The Cost of Assessments Work

This section looks at the key costing information for Financial Assessments. It begins by looking at the **staff cost of** assessments work.

Following this is a comparison of the **unit costs by type of assessment**. Ratios are used to show the cost difference in performing **new assessments** and **re-assessments** and also **residential** and **non-residential assessments**.

Further to this is some analysis on the **cost of assessment per service user** for **residential** and **non-residential** assessments, the **cost of assessments as a percentage of income assessed** for **residential** and **non-residential** assessments and finally **the number of assessments conducted per FTE**.

#### Section 4 - Staff by Pay Band

The comparisons in this section show how much you pay your staff. Staff pay bands are shown for **all staff** performing assessments work.

#### **Section 5 - Performance Measures**

This section looks at:

- Measuring assessments procedures who conducts the assessments and how they are carried out, variations
  in unit costs for new assessments and the proportion of first assessment that involved a visit for residential and
  non-residential care.
- **Time to complete assessments -** residential and non-residential.
- **Collection performance for debt/income recovery** feedback of debt brought forward, collected, written-off and outstanding as a percentage of debt raised for residential and non residential income.

Deferred payment arrangements - the number of DPA's, who undertakes valuations for DPA's and admin fees.

- **Property information -** Property valuation and charges information.
- **Recovery action -** the number of claims to court and success rates.
- Direct Debit the percentage of residential and non-residential service users that pay via Direct Debit and information on AUDDIS and variable Direct Debits.

#### **Section 6 - Charging Policy**

This section feeds back information on **standard charges, maximum charges** and **how the charges are collected**. Standard charges in 2016/17 are displayed graphically with explanation on the changes anticipated for 2017/18. For responsibility and collection of methods, these are presented graphically after brief explanatoins on maximum charges. The following page shows the proportion of users actually paying various amounts.

#### Section 7 - Disability Related Expenditure

Here we show various calculations derived from the total annual expenditure on DRE. These include the **average DRE per receiver** and **average DRE per assessed service user**.

#### **Section 8 - Self Directed Payments**

Here we feedback the information on both the **number and type of Personal Budgets** and **Direct Payments accounts** in place at 31/03/2017.

#### **Section 9 - Welfare Benefits Uptake**

In this section we show feedback on the **number of claims entered** and the **number successful**. For each **type of claim** there is a graph that shows the **percentage of claims successful** compared to the **group average**.

#### Section 10 - IT Information

This section shows the **IT systems** that local authorities use for **calculating assessments** whether they make use of **online assessments**, **mobile assessments** or **pre-paid card systems**.

#### **PREFACE**

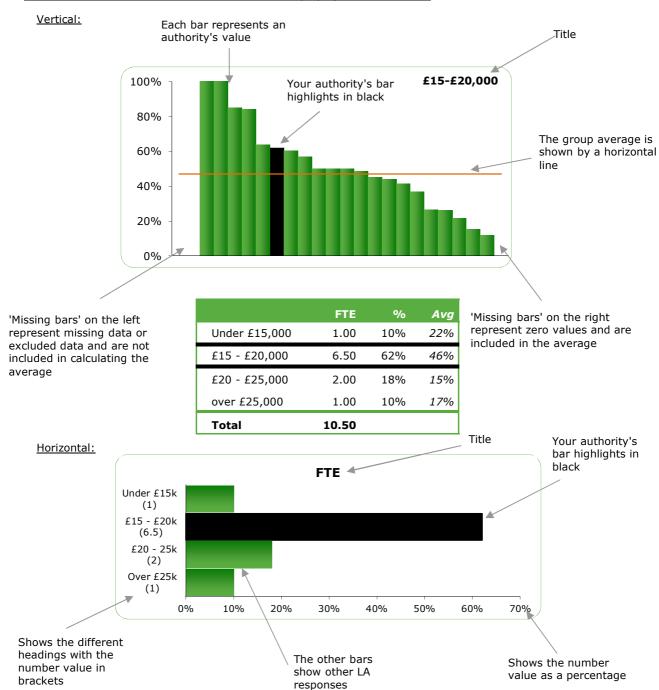
This report compares your data with the group of authorities specified in the introduction.

Throughout the report your figures are shown in tables and in graphical form. If you are not familiar with our reports we hope this page will help you to better understand the way we present this data.

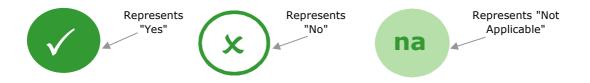
**Averages:** Almost all of our tables and charts compare your figure with a group average. The average is the unweighted mean value for the group. This average value ignores missing data, or data that we have excluded and for this reason sets of averages sometimes do not reconcile precisely.

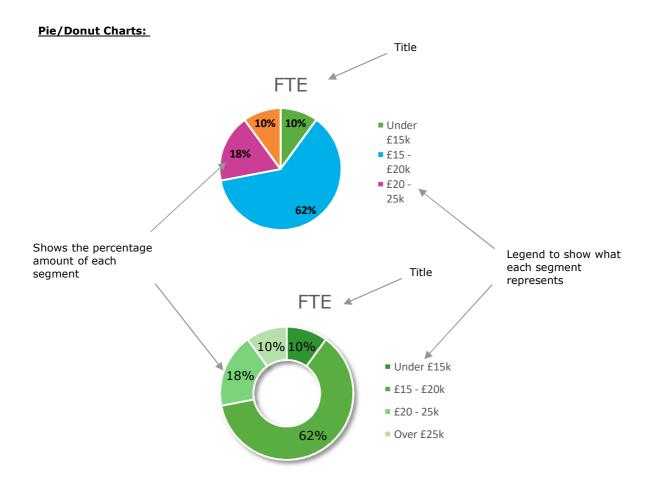
**Charts:** We display a large amount of data on charts as this allows us to show the data for the entire group efficiently and gives far more information than a simple average (i.e. range of data, individual authority values etc...). Below we

Bar Charts: These are our standard method of displaying a full set of data



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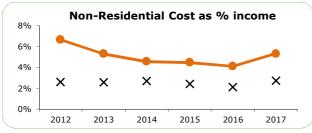


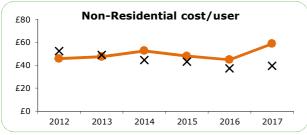


#### **SUMMARY - Overall Financial Effectiveness**

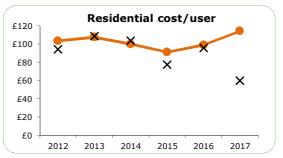
#### **Cost and Income**

	Residential	Non-Residential
Users	1,205	3,226
Income (£'000)	7,577	4,662
Cost (£'000)	72	127
Cost % Income	1.0%	2.7%
Average	2.3%	4.4%
Cost/user	£60	£39
Average	£109	£55









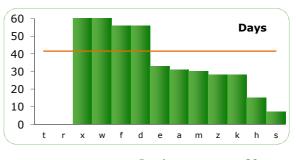


#### **Billing**

#### Billed/Cost for Care

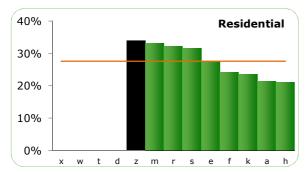
	Amount billed (£'000)	Cost for Care (£'000)	Billed/ Care %
Residential	7,577	22,350	34%
Average	15,493	63,565	28%
Non-residential	4,662	33,982	14%
Average	4,801	37,781	16%

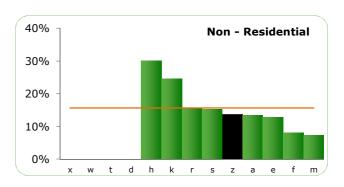
## Length of time for bill since assessment completion



Barchester: 28
Average: 41

#### Percentage billed in relation to total cost

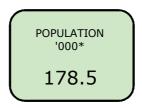




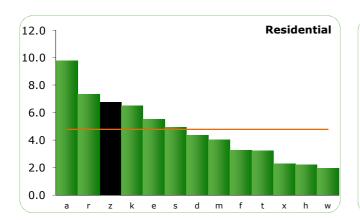
#### **SECTION 2 - WORKLOAD MEASURES**

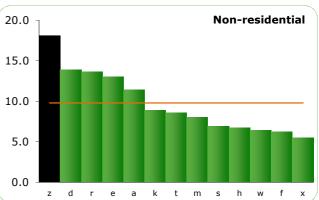
#### **SERVICE USERS PER '000 POPULATION**

Numbers receiving service 2016/17						
	Users per					
Users 1000 Pop Avg						
Residential	1,205	6.8	4.8			
Non-residential	3,226	18.1	9.8			



<sup>\*</sup> Mid-year 2016 estimate from ONS.



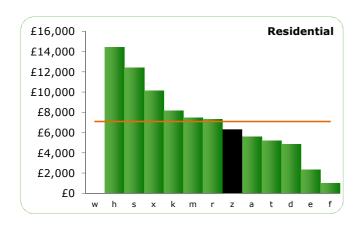


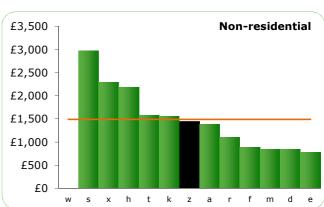
#### **INCOME 2016/17**

Value of debit raised £'000							
			£/user	16/17			
	2016/17	2017/18	£	Avg			
Residential	7,577	7,914	£6,288	£7,088			
Non-residential	4,662	5,370	£1,445	£1,489			

For Barchester, the income for residential assessments is expected to increase by £337k between 2016/17 and 2017/18 and the income for non-residential assessments, it is expected to increase by £708k.

The graphs below show the value of income per user in 2016/17.

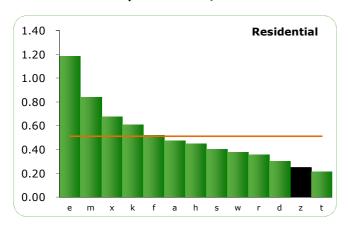


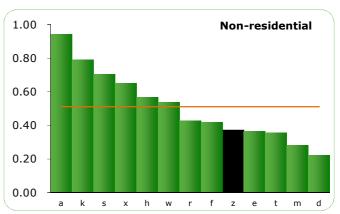


#### **ASSESSMENTS PER USER 2017/18**

Number of	assessments		Ass	'ts/user	17/18
		2016/17	2017/18	No.	Avg
New	Residential	298	300	0.25	0.51
	Non-residential	1,121	1,200	0.37	0.51
Re-ass	Residential	892	750	0.62	0.85
	Non-residential	2,033	2,100	0.65	0.74
Total		4,344	4,350		

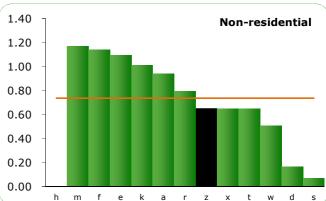
#### New assessments per user 2017/18





#### Re-assessments per user 2017/18

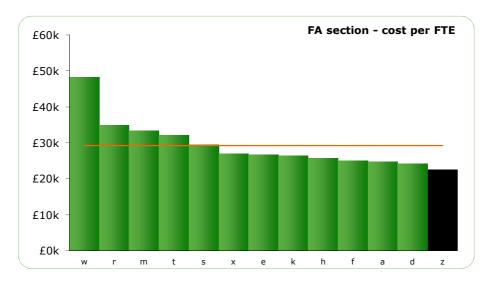


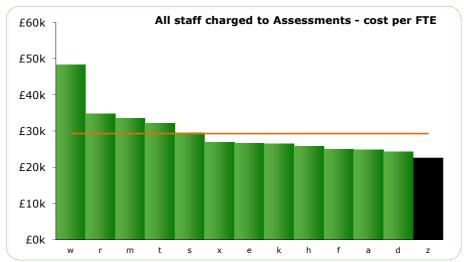


### **SECTION 3 - THE COST OF ASSESSMENTS WORK**

#### **COST BY STAFF TYPE**

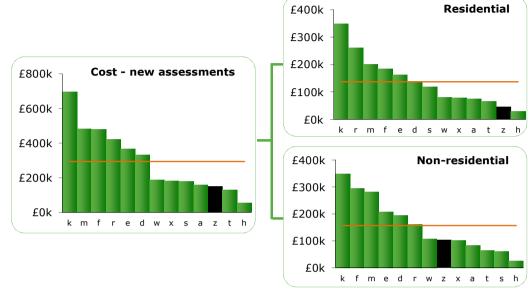
Cost of assessments work							
	FTE Staff	Cost £'000	Cost per	Avg			
FA Section staff	8.9	200	£22,540	£29,280			
Other staff	0.0	0	na	na			
Other work	0.0	0					
Charged to Ass'ts	8.9	200	£22,540	£29,279			



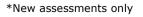


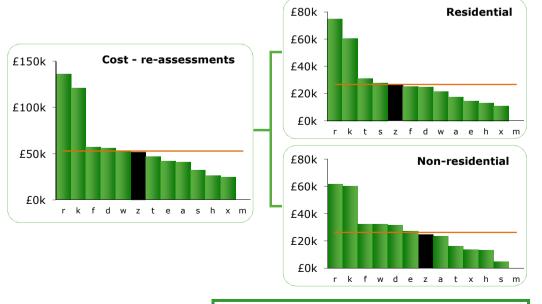
#### **COSTS BY ACTIVITY**

Cost by assessment						
	N	New		ssessments		
	Res	Non-res	Res	Non-res		
Gathering information	£15k	£56k	£27k	£25k		
Avera	age £49k	£58k	£27k	£26k		
Calculating charges	£21k	£8k				
Avera	age £61k	£59k				
Welfare benefits check	£6k	£4k				
Avera	age £17k	£28k				
Collection of income	£4k	£35k				
Avera	age £9k	£12k				
Total cost	£46k	£103k				
Avera	age £137k	£156k				



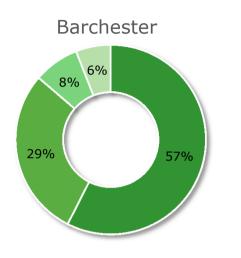
Cost by assessment	Relative cos	st ratios
	Res/Non*	New/Re-Ass
Gathering information	0.3 : 1	1.4 : 1
Average	0.8 : 1	2.0 : 1
Calculating charges	2.8 : 1	
Average	1.0 : 1	
Welfare benefits check	1.5 : 1	
Average	0.6 : 1	
Collection of income	0.1 : 1	
Average	0.8 : 1	
Total cost	0.4 : 1	
Average	0.9 : 1	

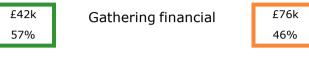




#### **COSTS - NEW ASSESSMENTS**

#### Residential





£21k

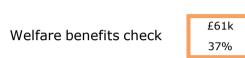
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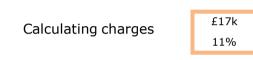
£6k

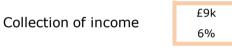
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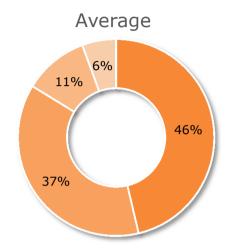
£4k

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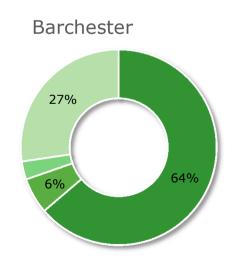




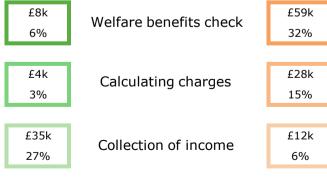


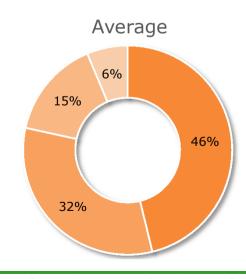


#### Non-residential









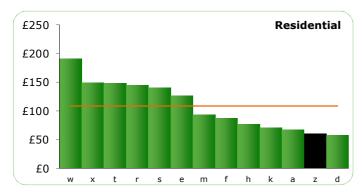
#### **ADDITIONAL COST INFORMATION**

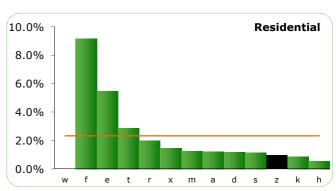
#### **COST OF ASSESSMENTS PER USER**

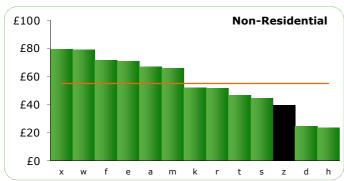
#### **COSTS OF ASSESSMENTS AS A % OF INCOME**

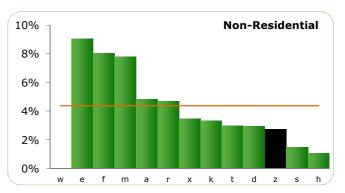
Cost of assessments/user							
	Users	Cost (£'000)	Cost/ user	Avg			
Residential	1,205	46	£60	£109			
Non-residential	3,226	103	£39	£55			

Cost of assessments as a % of 2016/17 income							
	Income (£'000)	Cost (£'000)	%	Avg			
Residential	7,577	46	1.0%	2.3%			
Non-residential	4,662	103	2.7%	4.4%			







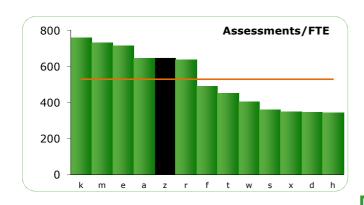


#### **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

#### ASSESSMENTS CONDUCTED PER FTE

Assessments/FTE							
	Assessments	FTE*	Ass/FTE	Avg			
Total	4,344	6.7	645	528			

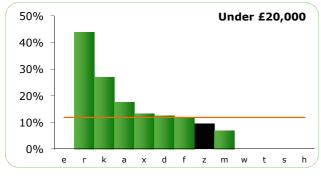
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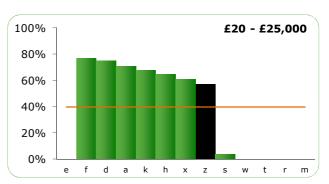


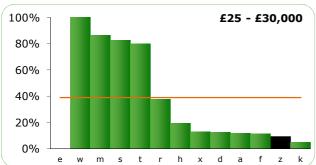
#### **SECTION 4 - STAFF BY PAY BAND**

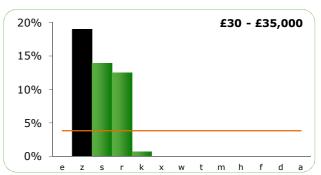
#### **TOTAL STAFF BY PAY-BAND**

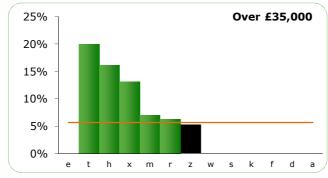
2016/17 salaries including local weighting, but excluding overtime, car allowances, and without adding NI & superannuation.

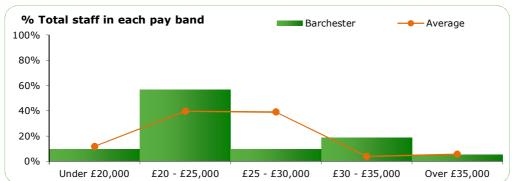












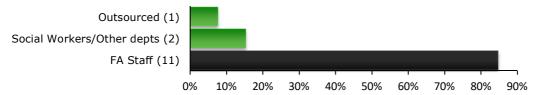
	FTE	%	Avg
Under £20,000	2.00	9.5%	11.8%
£20 - £25,000	12.00	56.9%	39.6%
£25 - £30,000	2.00	9.5%	39.0%
£30 - £35,000	4.00	19.0%	3.8%
over £35,000	1.10	5.2%	5.6%
Total	21.10		

#### **SECTION 5 - PERFORMANCE MEASURES**

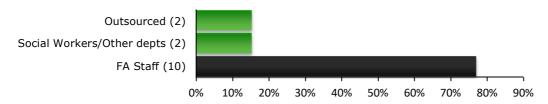
#### **MEASURING ASSESSMENT PROCEDURES**

#### Who conducts assessments?

Residential



Non - Residential



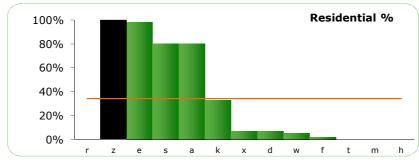
#### Variatons in unit cost for new assessments

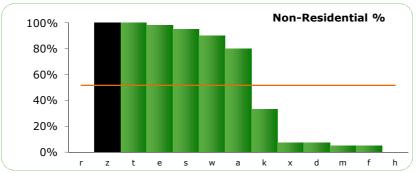
Residential vs non-residential

	Res	Avg	Non-res	Avg	Ratio	Avg Ratio
Unit cost per assessment	£86	£244	£56	£95	2:1	2:1

#### Proportion of first assessments involving a visit

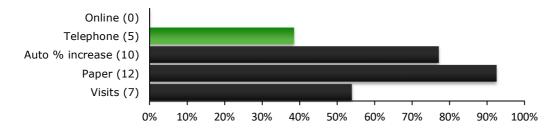
First Visit	%	Avg
Residential	100%	34%
Non-residential	100%	52%



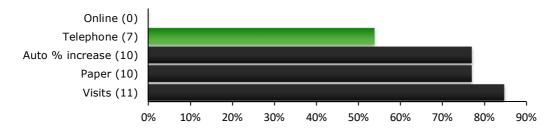


#### How are the re-assessments carried out?

#### Residential



Non - Residential



#### TIME TO COMPLETE ASSESSMENTS



The chart above only has labels for percentages greater than 5%.

Days to complete	Residential		Non - Resi	dential
	%	Avg	%	Avg
5 days or less	26%	38%	20%	47%
6 to 10 days	21%	18%	24%	21%
11 to 15 days	19%	13%	21%	11%
16 to 21 days	17%	8%	15%	10%
22 to 28 days	8%	11%	13%	5%
> 28 days	9%	12%	7%	6%

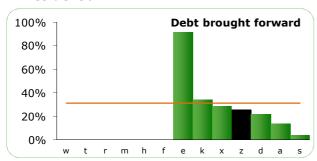
#### **COLLECTION PERFORMANCE FOR DEBT/INCOME RECOVERY**

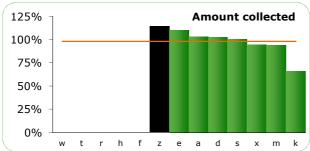
	Residential			Non	-residenti	al
	£'000	% Ann. charge	Avg	£'000	% Ann. charge	Avg
Debt brought forward 01/04/16	1,926	25%	31%	297	6%	18%
Charges assessed*	7,577	100%	100%	4,662	100%	100%
Collected*	8,640	114%	98%	4,576	98%	101%
Written off*	-	0.0%	0.8%	30	0.6%	1.9%
Out-standing 31/03/17	863	11%	29%	353	8%	13%
Income secured included	1,165	15%	19%	-	na	1%
Income secured not included	1,162	15%	6%	-	na	na

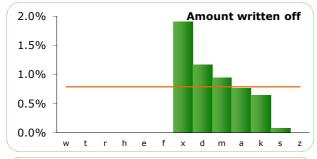
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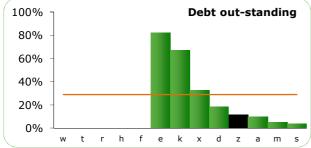
	No.	Avg	No.	Avg
No. properties on which income secured	87	85	0	4

#### Residential

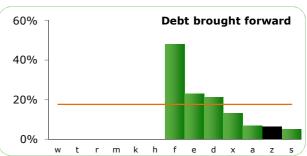


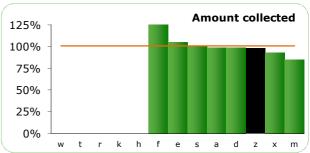


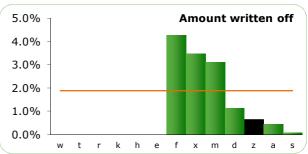




#### Non-residential



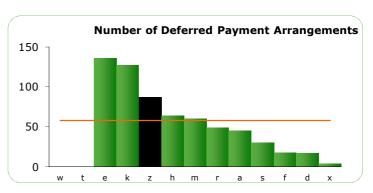




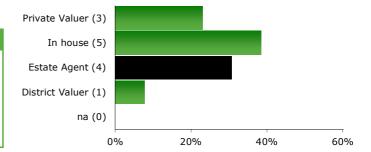


#### **DEFERRED PAYMENT ARRANGEMENTS**

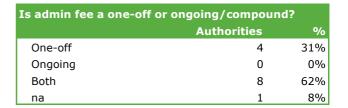
	Number	Avg
Number of DPA's	87	58

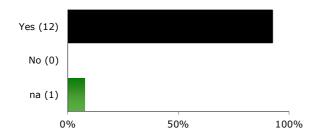


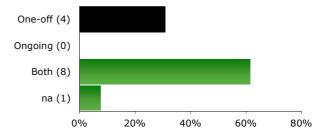
Who undertakes valuations for D	PA's?	
Private Valuer	3	23%
In house	5	38%
Estate Agent	4	31%
District Valuer	1	8%
na	0	0%



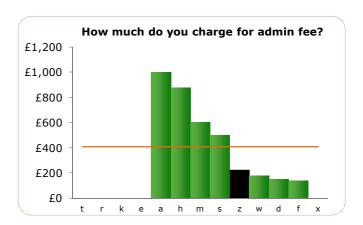
Do you charge an admin fee?				
	Authorities	%		
Yes	12	92%		
No	0	0%		
na	1	8%		







	Number	Avg
Admin fee charge	£225	£408

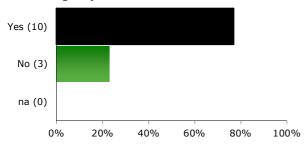


#### **PROPERTY INFORMATION**

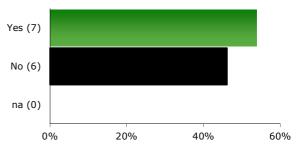
Do you complete a land registry search for all clients in residential care?				
	Authorities	%		
Yes	10	77%		
No	3	23%		
na	0	0%		

Do you offer voluntary charges against properties?				
	Authorities	%		
Yes	7	54%		
No	6	46%		
na	0	0%		

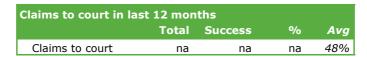
#### Land registry search for all clients?

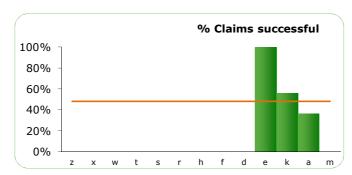


#### Voluntary charges against properties?



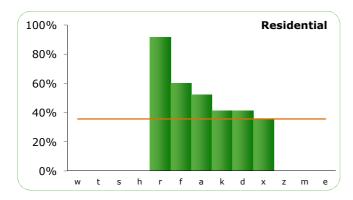
#### **RECOVERY ACTION**

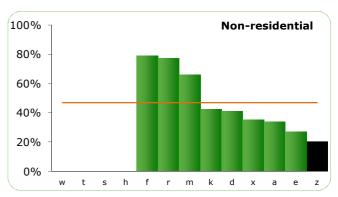




#### **DIRECT DEBIT**

#### Percentage of service users paying by Direct Debit

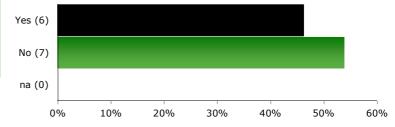




	% of users paying by Direct Debit		pa	y value lying by ct Debit
	%	Avg	%	Avg
Residential	0.0%	35.6%	0.0%	25.1%
Non-residential	20.3%	46.9%	20.6%	39.6%

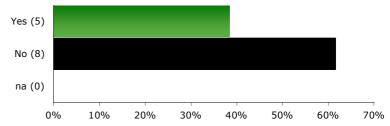
# Paperless Direct Debits (AUDDIS) in place? Authorities % Yes 6 46% No 7 54% na 0 0%

#### Paperless Direct Debits (AUDDIS) in place?



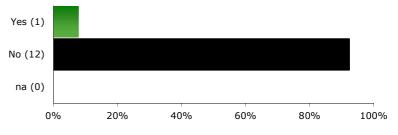
Variable Direct Debits in place?			
	Authorities	%	
Yes	5	38%	
No	8	62%	
na	0	0%	

#### Variable Direct Debits in place?



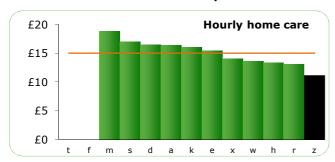
Incentive offered for paying by Direct Debit?			
Authorities %			
Yes	1	8%	
No	12	92%	
na	0	0%	

#### Incentive offered for paying by Direct Debit?

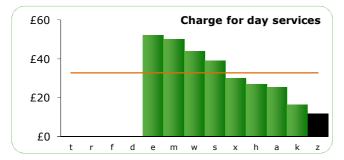


#### **SECTION 6 - CHARGING POLICY**

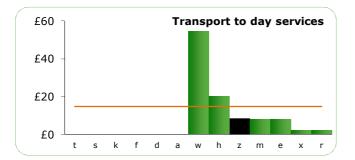
#### STANDARD CHARGES 2016/17



For 2017/18, the standard charge for Hourly home care is expected to increase by £0.28, whereas the average is expected to increase by £1.38.



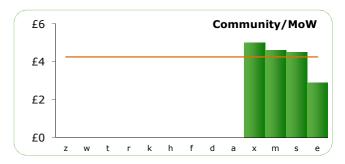
For 2017/18, the standard charge for Charge for day services is expected to increase by £8.27, whereas the average is expected to increase by £1.22.



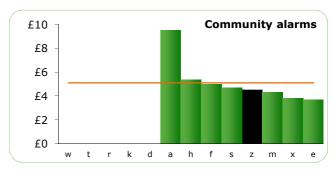
For 2017/18, the standard charge for Transport to day services is expected to increase by £0.22, whereas the average is expected to increase by £2.16.



For 2017/18, the standard charge for Meals in day services is expected to increase by £0.09, whereas the average is expected to increase by £0.03.



Community/MoW is not applicable for Barchester.

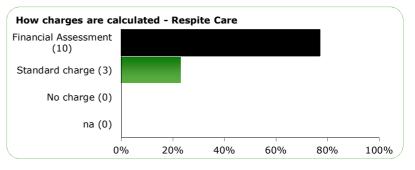


For 2017/18, the standard charge for Community alarms is expected to increase by £0.11, whereas the average is expected to increase by £0.07.

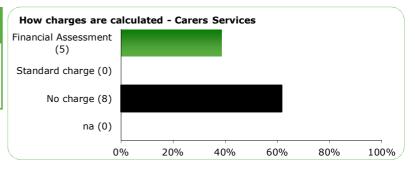
Type of charge	2016/17		2017/	18
	Charge	Avg	Charge	Avg
Hourly home care	£11.12	£15.02	£11.40	£16.40
Day services	£11.73	£32.83	£20.00	£34.05
Transport (per return trip)	£8.38	£14.74	£8.60	£16.90
Meals in day services	£3.67	£4.01	£3.76	£4.04
Community/MoW	na	£4.25	na	£4.29
Community alarms	£4.51	£5.11	£4.62	£5.18

#### **CALCULATION OF CHARGES**

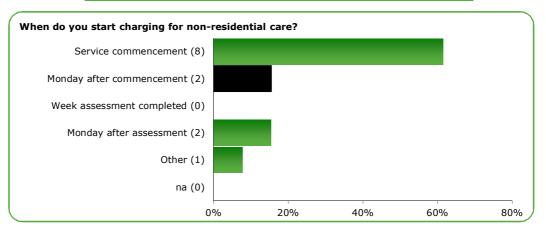
Respite Care		
	Authorities	%
Financial Assessment	10	77%
Standard charge	3	23%
No charge	0	0%
na	0	0%

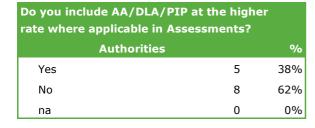


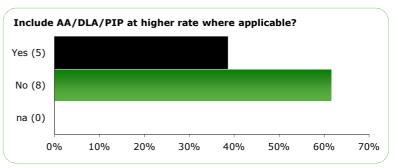
<b>Carers Services</b>		
	Authorities	%
Financial Assessment	5	38%
Standard charge	0	0%
No charge	8	62%
na	0	0%



When do you start charging for non-residential care?		
	Authorities	%
Date of service commencement	8	62%
1st Monday after service commencement	2	15%
Week financial assessment completed	0	0%
1st Monday after assessment completed	2	15%
Other	1	8%
na	0	0%







#### Maximum weekly charges

There were only 2 local authorities that have a maximum weekly charge, the average is shown above.

	Barchester	Avg
Maximum weekly charge	na	£319.86

#### Non-residential upper capital threshold

All local authorities have a non-residential upper capital threshold that is either £23,000 or £23,250.

#### **DISP. INCOME TAKEN INTO CONSIDERATION FOR CONTRIBUTION ASSESSMENT**

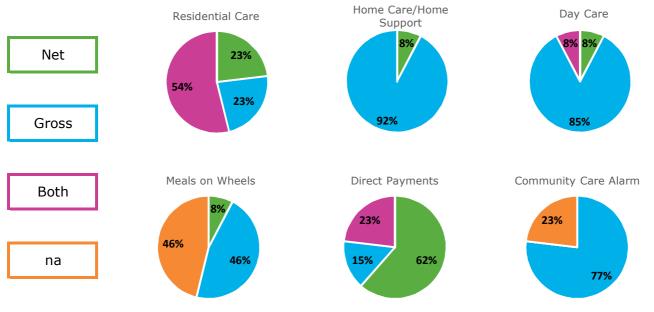
Almost all local authorities take 100% of disposal income into consideration for contribution assessment with one authority taking 75% into consideration.

	Barchester	Avg
% Income taken into consideration	100%	100%

#### **METHOD OF COLLECTION**

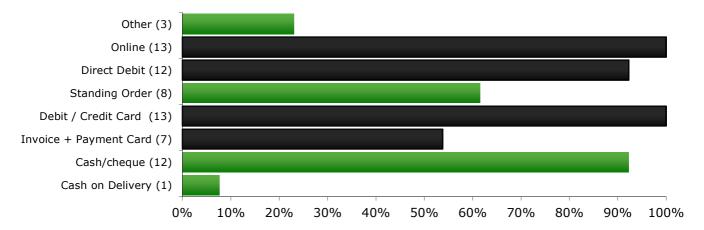
#### Method for collecting charges

The following pie charts represent the proportion of gross, net (or both) charges that the club members (or the service provider contracted) collect for each category.



The charts above only have labels for percentages greater than 5%.

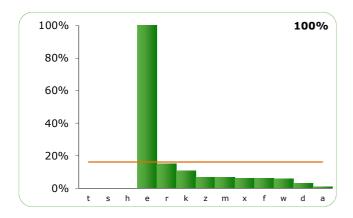
#### Payment methods for direct collection

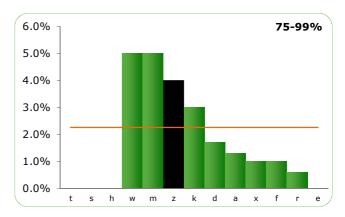


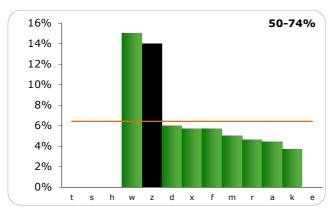
#### **RESIDENTIAL**

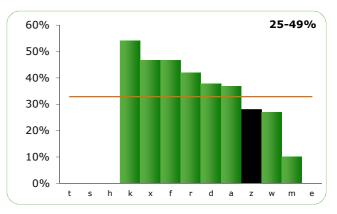
#### Proportion of service users <u>assessed</u> to pay:

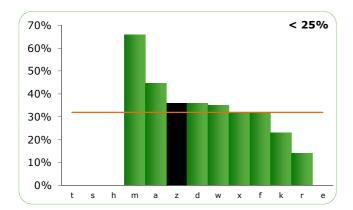
Proportion of service users <u>assessed</u> to pay			
	Barchester	Avg	
100% of max charge	7.0%	16.2%	
75-99% of max charge	4.0%	2.3%	
50-74% of max charge	14.0%	6.4%	
25-49% of max charge	28.0%	32.9%	
< 25% of max charge	36.0%	31.9%	
No charge	11.0%	10.4%	

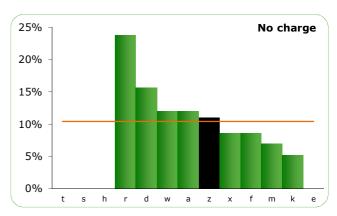






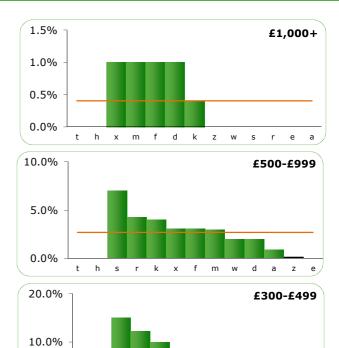


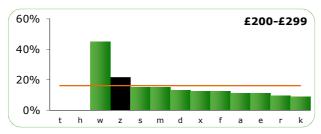


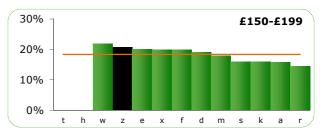


#### Proportion of service users that actually pay:

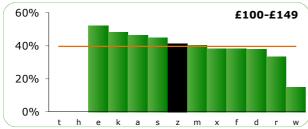
Proportion of service users that <u>actually</u> pay			
	Barchester	Avg	
£1,000+	0.0%	0.4%	
£500-£999	0.1%	2.7%	
£300-£499	8.1%	7.2%	
£200-£299	21.7%	15.9%	
£150-£199	20.8%	18.4%	
£100-£149	41.5%	39.7%	
£50-£99	7.6%	8.2%	
£25-£49	0.3%	1.5%	
£10-£24	0.0%	0.8%	
< £10	0.0%	0.5%	
No charge	0.0%	5.8%	

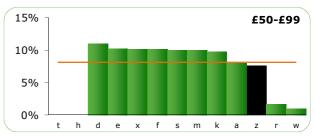


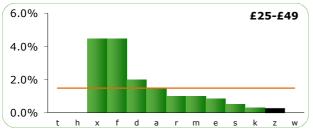


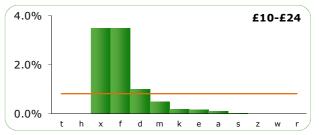


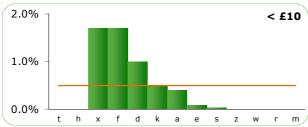
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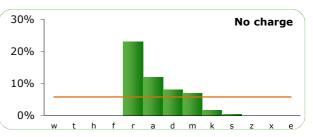








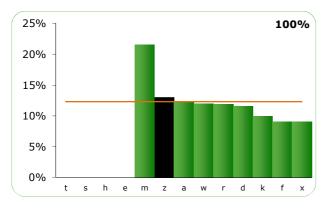


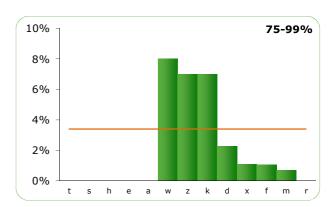


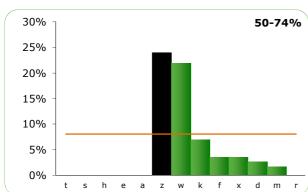
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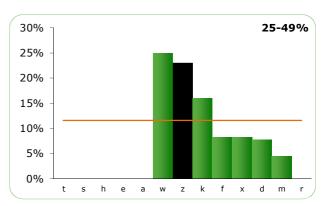
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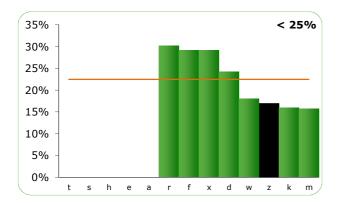
Proportion of service users <u>assessed</u> to pay			
	Barchester	Avg	
100% of max charge	13.0%	12.3%	
75-99% of max charge	7.0%	3.4%	
50-74% of max charge	24.0%	8.1%	
25-49% of max charge	23.0%	11.6%	
< 25% of max charge	17.0%	22.5%	
No charge	16.0%	42.2%	

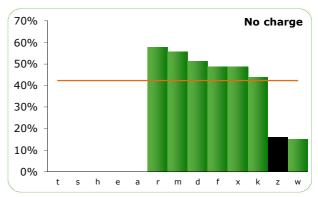






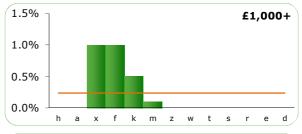


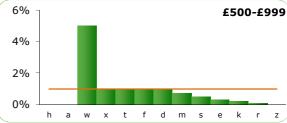


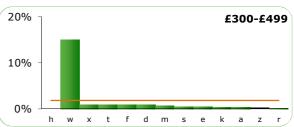


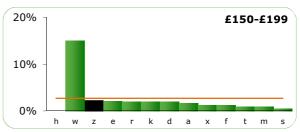
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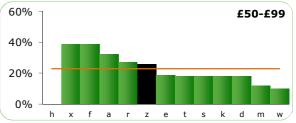
Proportion of service users that <u>actually</u> pay			
	Barchester	Avg	
£1,000+	0.0%	0.2%	
£500-£999	0.0%	1.0%	
£300-£499	0.3%	1.8%	
£200-£299	1.0%	2.0%	
£150-£199	2.3%	2.7%	
£100-£149	7.9%	4.2%	
£50-£99	25.8%	22.9%	
£25-£49	16.8%	14.9%	
£10-£24	19.1%	9.4%	
< £10	4.3%	8.3%	
No charge	22.5%	39.2%	

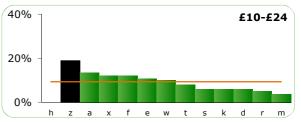


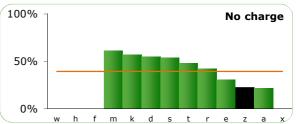








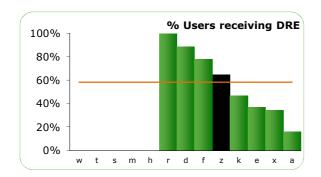


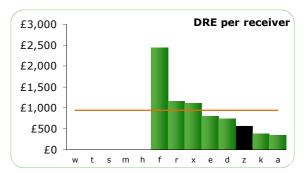


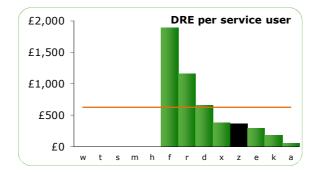


#### **SECTION 7 - DISABILITY RELATED EXPENDITURE**

DRE Information		
	Barchester	Avg
Total annual DRE (£'000)	872	
No. receiving DRE	1,547	
DRE per receiver	£564	£945
Total service users assessed (non-res)	2,384	
Receivers/assessed service users	65%	58%
DRE per assessed service user	£366	£626
Standard weekly allowance	na	£18.33



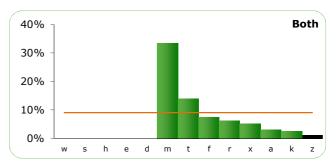




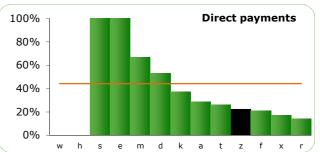
#### **SECTION 8 - SELF DIRECTED PAYMENTS**

#### Personal Budgets in place at 31/03/2017

Personal budgets			
Accounts in place 31/03/17	No.	%	Avg
Direct payments (cash)	718	22%	44%
Commissioned by authority	2,470	77%	60%
Both	38	1%	9%
Total	3,226		



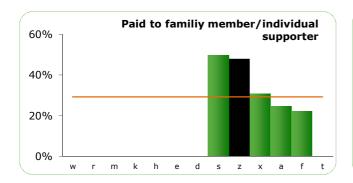




#### Direct Payments Accounts in place at 31/03/2017

Direct Payments Accounts in place 31/03/17	No.	%	Avg
Total direct payments	718		
Of which			
Paid direct to service user	127	18%	49%
Paid to family member/supporter	343	48%	29%
Paid to support organisation	248	35%	50%

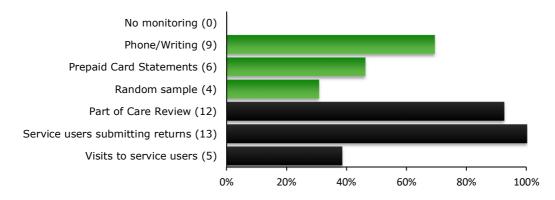






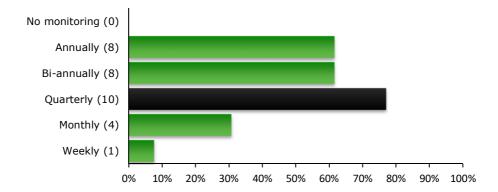
#### **Expenditure Monitoring Arrangements**

#### Method(s) used to monitor expenditure



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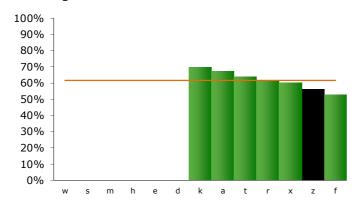
#### Frequency of monitoring expenditure



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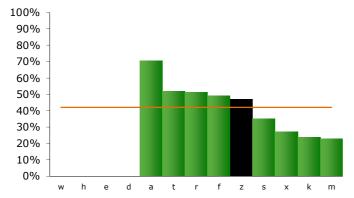
#### **Contribution for Personal Budgets**

#### Percentage of individuals on commission services making contribution to their budget



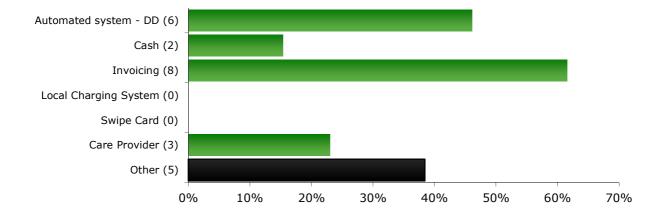
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Individuals making a contribution	1,410
Total on commission services	2,508
Percentage	56.2%
Average	61.7%

#### Percentage of individuals on direct payments making contribution to their budget



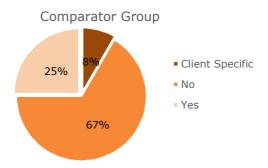
Barchester	
Individuals making a contribution	338
Total on direct payments	718
Percentage	47.1%
Average	42.1%

#### How do you collect contribution?



The multiple black bars in the graph above (if any) show the options that Barchester chose for how they collect contribution.

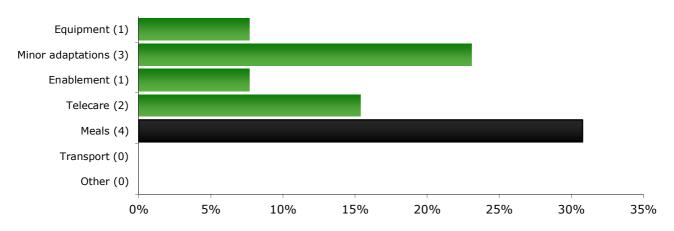
#### Personal budgets for individuals assessed to contribute the full cost of their service



Barchester does administer personal budgets for individuals assessed to contribute the full cost of their service.

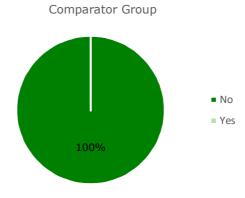
No local authorities were able to provide a percentage for administering personal budgets for individuals assessed to contribute the full cost of their service.

The % of "Yes" responses for exclusions in contribution for personal budgets



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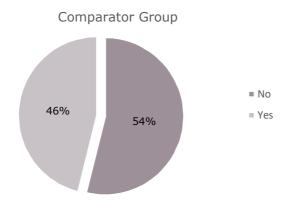
Do you have a maximum charge for clients on a personal budget?



Barchester does not have a maximum charge for clients on a personal budget.

#### **Payment Cards**

#### Are you delivering any direct payments via payment cards?



Barchester is not delivering direct payments via payment cards.

Please see the CIPFA Financial Assessments Scrapbook 2017 for the experiences local authorities have had with direct payments via payment cards.

#### What percentage of direct payments are via Payment Cards for New Clients?

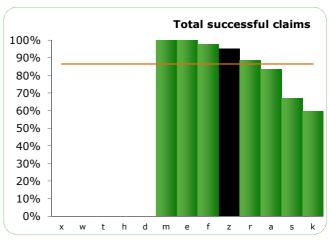
There was only one local authority of all the members that provided a percentage of direct payments that are via Payment Cards for New Clients.

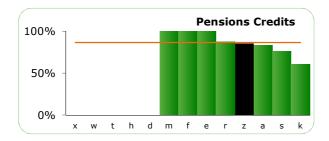
#### What percentage of direct payments are via Payment Cards for Existing Clients?

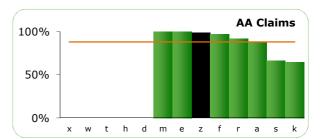
There were 4 local authorities out of all the members that provided a percentage of direct payments that are via Payment Cards for Existing Clients. The average percentage was 10.5%.

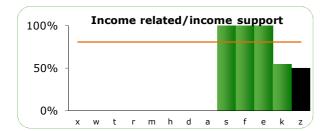
#### **SECTION 9 - WELFARE BENEFITS UPTAKE**

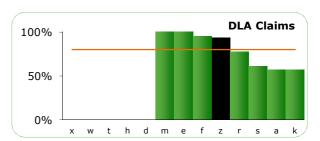
No. applications processed & successful 2016/17					
	Claims Succes		ccessful	sful claims	
Barchester	entered	No.	%	Avg	
Pensions Credits	41	35	85%	87%	
AA Claims	77	76	99%	88%	
Inc. related/inc. support	2	1	50%	81%	
DLA Claims	46	43	93%	80%	
HB Claims	17	17	100%	82%	
CTR Claims	8	8	100%	83%	
ESA Claims	32	32	100%	82%	
Other	na	na	na	95%	
Total	223	212	95%	86%	

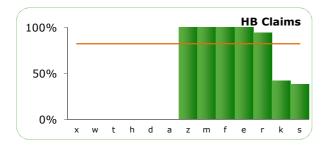


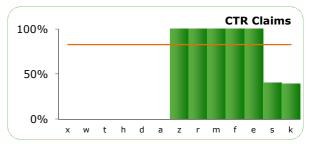


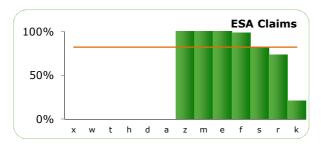


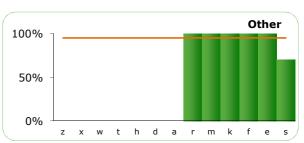










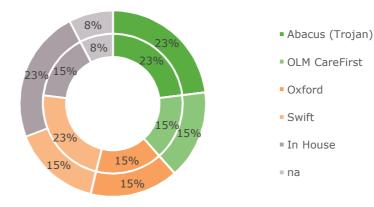


#### **SECTION 10 - IT INFORMATION**

#### **IT System**

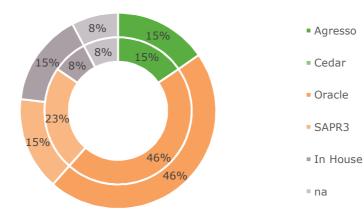
For calculating assessments:

The inner chart refers to residential assessments and the outer chart refers to non-residential assessments.



For General Ledger/Corporate Finance:

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Do you have an interface between the Assessments system and General Ledger?

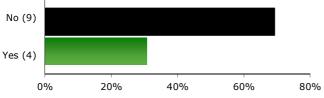


#### **Online Assessments**

The vast majority of local authorities do not have online assessments in place with one response using an extension to the existing assessments system and one response using a different system called "Firmstep Form".

#### **Mobile Assessments**

Do you have electronic mobile working in place?



#### Is mobile working paperless?



#### Pre-paid card system

There are 4 local authorities that operate a pre-paid system but Barchester does not.



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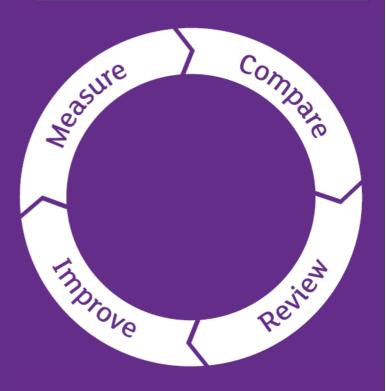
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