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Dear [REDACTED]

INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE: FOI2019/00314

We have considered your request for information.

As you made your request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 the format of this response is formal in order to meet our legal requirements.

The answers to your questions are:

a) Any estimate of the total monetary cost to your authority of the introduction of Universal Credit since its inception in 2013 (ideally broken down by municipal year and including 2018/19 to date);

Guildford went Live on 24 October 2018. We have not kept a record of separate costs.

b) The total monetary value of any crisis loans funded by yourselves and given to Universal Credit claimants since January 1 2013;

We do not fund crisis loans.

c) The total funding given by yourselves to third-sector organisations for the purpose of supporting Universal Credit claimants since January 1 2013;

We have not provided separate funding.

d) The cost to yourselves of offering support or advice to Universal Credit claimants who are in financial difficulty or struggling with the process of claiming Universal Credit since January 1 2013;

As Guildford only went Live on 24 October 2018, costs have been minimal. Until 31 March 2019 we were reimbursed by DWP for providing Universal Support.

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Yours sincerely

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