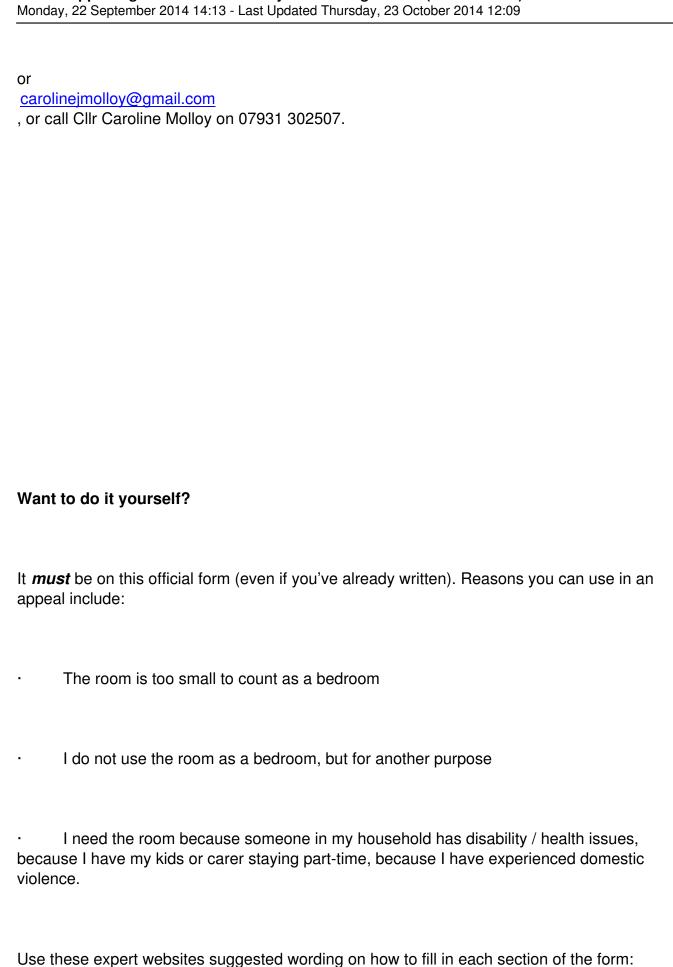
How to appeal against a reduction in your housing benefit (bedroom tax) Monday, 22 September 2014 14:13 - Last Updated Thursday, 23 October 2014 12:09



http://bit.ly/1owliOk (NOTE - in Section 4, put in April 2014 as the date, not March 2013)

http://bit.ly/1tBiXpN (See p3 and 4 and pick the arguments that apply to your own situation)

There's no guarantee of success, but tenants across the country have successfully overturned their bedroom tax using these arguments. If the council doesn't agree your case, the next step is to go to a tribunal hearing. If that happens, the tribunal will pay your expenses and we will ensure you have someone to go with you. Judges have been sympathetic to tenants. There's no charge for this, so you've nothing to lose by trying.

What else can you do?

In addition, you could ask the council for the application form for 'Discretionary Housing Payment' to make up the shortfall. So far, not enough people in Stroud have claimed this money. If you applied but were rejected, write to the council asking them to 'reconsider the decision'- and let us know (using the contact details above).

What else are we doing?

The bedroom tax is a government policy. But Stroud Against the Cuts are working with Green Councillor Caroline Molloy to push Stroud Council to change their policy so that people falling into rent arrears due to the bedroom tax are not at risk of losing their homes. If you appeal it may help our wider campaigning against the bedroom tax.

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