



**FIRST-TIER TRIBUNAL  
SOCIAL ENTITLEMENT CHAMBER**

Held at **Truro** on **11/08/2014**

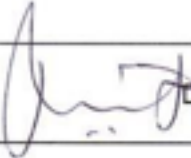
Before Tribunal Judge Mr B J Henderson Smith

<b>Appellant:</b> Ms M Kent	<b>Tribunal Ref. NI No</b> [REDACTED]
<b>Respondent:</b> Cornwall Council	

**DECISION NOTICE**

1. The Housing Benefit appeal is allowed.
2. The decision made on 21/11/2013 is set aside.
3. I find as a fact that the room which is in issue in this case is not a bedroom. The reduction of Housing Benefit for under-occupancy does not therefore apply.
4. I have particularly taken into account the size of the room. The floor area is barely 50 square feet and the usable area less than that. The room is not in fact being used as a bedroom and does not have a bed in it. It is being reasonably used for storage of the tenant's possessions.
5. The property was let to Ms Kent in April 1996 as a "dwelling" with no designated number of bedrooms.

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Signed Tribunal Judge: Mr B J Henderson Smith		Date: 11/08/2014
<i>Decision Notice issued to</i>	<i>Appellant on: 14/08/2014</i>	<i>Respondent on: 14/08/2014</i>