

## Freedom of Information request 2013-457

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### Information request

I would be grateful if you could provide me with the following statistical information.

The number of deaf people who have been referred to the work programme a) nationally, b) regionally and c) by local authority.

### DWP response

Please see the table below which gives the number of Work Programme referrals with a primary health condition of "Deafness". **Please note that health conditions are only recorded for claimants of Employment and Support Allowance (ESA) and Incapacity Benefit (IB).**

Please also note that not all people with hearing loss will be coded under "Deafness". A person with a health condition that may include hearing loss as one of the symptoms will usually be given the code for their diagnosis. For example a person with hearing impairment and cerebral palsy will be coded under "Cerebral Palsy" rather than "Deafness"

**Number of Work Programme referrals with a Primary Health Condition of "Deafness" by Region and Local Authority: Great Britain, 1st June 2011 - 31st July 2012**

Region	Number of referrals
Total	130
North East	-
North West	10
Yorkshire and The Humber	10
East Midlands	10
West Midlands	10
East of England	10
London	30
South East	20
South West	10
Scotland	10
Wales	-

Local Authority	Number of referrals
<b>Total</b>	130

**For each Local Authority, the values round down to nil or negligible, which is denoted by "-".**

**Source:** DWP Information, Governance and Security Directorate (IGS).

**Notes:**

1. Figures are rounded to the nearest ten; some additional disclosure control has also been applied. Totals may not sum due to rounding. Figures are refreshed each time they are published and are subject to change. "-" denotes nil or negligible.
2. Referrals shown are 'net' referrals which do not include rejections, cancellations or referrals to ESA information sessions.
3. **Primary Health Condition:** Primary Health Condition is for ESA/IB claimants only. Causes of incapacity are based on the International Classification of Diseases, 10th Revision, published by the World Health Organisation. Medical condition is based on evidence provided and this in itself does not confer entitlement to ESA/IB.