Freedom of Information request 2013-1464

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Information request

Please provide the number of Salford JSA claimants that have had sanctions imposed, per calendar month, for the last 12 months.

Please provide the reasons for imposing those sanctions, e.g, 7 were sanctioned for failing to do X, 2 were sanctioned for violence, etc.

Please provide the total number of Salford JSA claimants, per calendar month, for the last 12 months.

DWP response

In response to your first two questions please see the attached document (FOI 2013-1464 Response.xls) which gives the number of Jobseeker's Allowance (JSA) claimants with a sanction applied by reason for referral and month of decision in Salford Local Authority: 1st June 2011 - 31st May 2012. Please note that the 31st of May 2012 is the latest date for which figures are available by Local Authority.

In response to your last question, Section 21 of the Act allows us to direct you to information which is already reasonably accessible to you.

The preferred source of numbers for JSA is the Office for National Statistics (ONS) claimant count figure. The claimant count measures the number of people claiming JSA. This is sourced from administrative records of people being paid the benefit.

Statistics on the claimant count are published on the NOMIS website http://www.nomisweb.co.uk/, the ONS official website of labour market statistics, which allows you to construct your own tables.

For example, to produce a table of the number of Jobseeker's Allowance in Salford Local Authority from the claimant count, go to http://www.nomisweb.co.uk/ .
Select **Advanced Query** in the **Detailed Statistics** section, and then select **Claimant Count** and then **claimant count with rates and proportions** and make your table selection as follows;

1. Select the relevant geography by clicking the **geography** tab, select **local authorities: district / unitary**, then select **North West** from the drop down list and select the area you are interested in **Salford**.
2. Then select the **date** tab and enter the date you require. Please note that the latest available information for claimant count data is **March 2013**.
3. If you wish to include any other breakdowns on your table such as **age**, along with a number of different variables such as **proportions**, these are available via the corresponding tabs on the left.
4. Finally, click the **review selections** tab, check to see if the correct variables are included. Once you are happy with the table selection, click the **download data** tab. This will output your table into an Excel file available for your analysis.