

Freedom of Information request 2013-3702

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Information request

Is there information on the proportion of people undergoing WCA found capable of work? Is this broken down by health category and geography?

I'm particularly interested in comparing rates for those with musculo-skeletal and cardio-vascular problems in Newcastle, Sheffield, West London and Woking.

Do Atos Assessment Centres hold any kind of data accessible by the public?

DWP response

In response to your query regarding the proportion of people undergoing Work Capability Assessments (WCA), with musculo-skeletal and cardio-vascular conditions, in Newcastle, Sheffield, West London and Woking, tables showing this information for WCA outcomes, for new claims, can be found in the attached document (FOI 2013-3702 Response.xls).

In response to your query regarding whether Atos Assessment Centres hold any kind of data accessible by the public, Atos do not publish any statistics but specific queries can be raised and investigated via our Freedom of Information Request route.

You may be interested to know that the Department regularly publishes official statistics on Employment & Support Allowance (ESA) and the Work Capability Assessment (WCA). The latest publication was released in July 2013 and can be found at:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/department-for-work-pensions/series/employment-and-support-allowance-outcomes-of-work-capability-assessment>