

Freedom of Information request 2014-5176

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Information request

For Payment Groups (1), (2) and (6) we would be keen to get data for Cohorts June 2011, January 2012 and June 2014 (broken down by contract) the following information: Number of referrals and number of job outcomes in each Age-Range over time.

We would also be interested to know if there is data on the most common disability for each payment group and on whether there is data on those Work Programme participants who are Ex-ESA and now JSA.

One further data point which interests us is the performance breakdown for 3-6 month ESA Ex-IB participants and 12 month ESA ex-IB participants – is this data available (attachments, referrals, Job Outcome) by contract.

DWP response

In response to your query regarding 'the most common disability', Section 21 of the Freedom of Information Act allows us to direct you to information which is already reasonably assessable to you.

The Department publishes a variety of statistics on the Work Programme via the tabulation tool which allows users to create their own tables and further information can be found here:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/work-programme-statistics--2>

For example, to produce a table on Work Programme referrals by payment group and primary health condition visit the Tabulation Tool via this link: <https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/dwp-statistics-tabulation-tool> and follow the instructions below.

1. In the **Employment programmes** section select the **Work Programme Tabulation tool** link
2. In the **Benefit/Scheme** drop down menu select **Work Programme: Cumulative figures** which will open a new page
3. In the **Analysis** drop down menu select **Referrals (thousands)**
4. In the **Row** drop down menu select **Payment Group**
5. In the **Column** drop down menu select **Primary Health Condition**
6. In the **Subset** select **None**, or a different option if preferred.

7. In the **Date** select June 2014 which is the latest data available and then click **Get Table**.

In response to your queries on cohorts and 'ESA Ex-IB', please see the attached tables (FOI 2014-5176 response.xls).

In response to your query on those who are 'Ex-ESA and now JSA' we can confirm that the Department does hold some information falling within the description specified in your request. However, we estimate that the cost of compiling the data required to produce any such statistics would exceed the appropriate limit of £600.

The appropriate limit has been specified in regulations and for central Government it is set at £600. This represents the estimated cost of one person spending 3½ working days in determining whether the Department holds the information, and locating, retrieving and extracting the information. Under section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) the Department is not obliged to comply with your request and we will not be processing this part of your request further.