DWP Central Freedom of Information Team

e-mail: freedom-of-information-xxxxxxx@xxx.xxx.xxx

Our Ref: VTR 186

DATE 10 October 2011

Dear Mr Healthscare,

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request received by DWP Adelphi on 12 September 2011 and forwarded for response by the Department for Work and Pensions (DWP) Commercial Management of Medical Services Freedom of Information Officer. In your email you asked to be provided with information answering the following questions:-

Dear Department for Work and Pensions,

Please pass this on to the person who conducts Freedom of Information reviews.

I am writing to request an internal review of Department for Work and Pensions's handling of my FOI request 'Atos Out Of Control'.

You say that you do not believe my name is a real name, I chose it as I wished to use an "obvious pseudonym" because the Information Commissioners has stated that it is good practice for authorities to answer requests made using obvious pseudonyms. As you do not believe it is a real name it must therefore follow that you consider it to be a pseudonym and you have considered that to be obvious as you have not contacted me to check whether I was my real name.

I have supplied an address in the form of an electronic address which meets the requirements of the Act. Please supply the information I have requested under the Act.

A full history of my FOI request and all correspondence is available on the Internet at this address: http://www.whatdotheyknow.com/request/atos_out_of_control

Yours faithfully, Adolph Healthscare

In reply to your questions and in accordance with Section 8(1)(b) of the Freedom of Information Act, the Department is not obliged to comply with a request for information that does not state the name of the applicant. It is not sufficient to provide an address for correspondence as the Act also requires the name of the applicant.

As DWP does not believe Adolph Healthscare is a real name, this has not been accepted as a request under the Act and we will not be responding.

If you have any queries about this letter please contact me quoting the reference number above.

Yours sincerely,	
DWP Central Fol Team	

Your right to complain under the Freedom of Information Act

If you are not content with the outcome of the internal review you may apply directly to the Information Commissioner's Office for a decision. Generally the Commissioner cannot make a decision unless you have exhausted our own complaints procedure. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at: The Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow Cheshire SK9 5AF www.ico.gov.uk