

DWP Central Freedom of Information Team

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Our Ref: VTR 5076

2/12/14

Dear Anita Bellows,

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request of 20/11/14. You asked:

*I would like you to forward me any documents showing that starts in work placements (described as four-week work schemes or training in the Daily Telegraph article <http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/politics/11243357/Half-of-all-benefit-claimants-sent-on-placements-turn-up-to-work.html>) are lower than referrals because of people did not turn up for work. The Daily Telegraph has to based its assertion on some facts or figures and I would like to see them.*

The Daily Telegraph article is based upon the official statistics on mandatory employment programmes. The most recent statistics, referenced in the article, were published on 20<sup>th</sup> November and are available to view here:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/pre-work-programme-and-get-britain-working>

Given that you read about this in the Daily Telegraph, you could also have enquired with the paper as to the source of the information contained in the article.

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

Yours sincerely,

DWP Strategy Fol Team

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