

DWP Central Freedom of Information Team

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Our Ref: IR 180

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Dear Mr Harris,

Thank you for your Freedom of Information (FOI) review request which was received on 03 April 2014. In that request, you asked for a review of your FOI numbered FOI 1019.

*I am writing to request an internal review of Department for Work and Pensions's handling of my FOI request 'Mandatory Work Activity should not replace jobs - compliance'.*

*You have given me information about the intention of MWA, that it is not delivered directly by DWP and the strict guidelines.*

*However, you have not provided me with the recorded information I requested, namely your research intended to measure compliance with your guidance "Placements must be additional to any existing or expected vacancies. You must ensure that employers are not taking advantage of MWA as a source of labour at the expense of employing workers in the open labour market."*

*Please now supply me with the information I requested or alternatively, state that you do not hold it.*

Please be assured that your request has been given our full consideration and that all aspects of your review were taken fully into account.

The review was conducted by an independent official of the Department, of the relevant grade and authority to carry out such requests. The case has been examined afresh, and guidance has been sought from domain experts to ensure all factors were taken fully into account.

After consideration the internal review has found that the reply to your original Freedom of Information request was accurate as the Department does not hold the information you have requested.

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

Yours sincerely,

DWP Central Fol Team

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**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](http://www.ico.gov.uk)