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Dear Morag McCall,

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request which we received on 18 May 2016.

You asked:

'When completing a Personal Independence Payments application form, claimants can name three medical professionals that they would like ATOS to contact regarding the claimant's medical condition and their ability to meet the indicators of the PIP assessment. Of total PIP claims, I would like to know the number of gps or other medical professionals contacted by ATOS prior to appeal and when an appeal is pending.'

In response I can confirm that Atos will not be involved in the appeals process and therefore this information is not available.

You can view the Freedom of Information Act 2000 via the following link:

<http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2000/36/contents>

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

Yours sincerely

DWP Central Fol Team

Your right to complain under the Freedom of Information Act

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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
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