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Dear Mike Robinson,

Thank you for your Freedom of Information (Fol) request received on 24 July. You wrote:

“Over the last few years, you have very kindly provided me with information regarding PIP claimants as at 30th April who have "psychiatric disorders" as their main disabling condition and their scores in the ninth daily living activity 9“Engaging with other people face to face” (e.g. Ref: FOI2019/27062, FOI2020/23763 and FOI2022/01303).

In order to continue to examine trends in this descriptor, I would be grateful if you could repeat the exercise in respect of PIP claimants as of 30th April 2022. To provide a comparison I would be grateful if, on this occasion, you could also add a breakdown of point scoring Activity 9 descriptors where "psychiatric disorder" was not the main disabling condition.

Consequently, I request:

Details of the numbers of clients on the Personal Independence Payment caseload on 30th April 2022:

i) with recognised "psychiatric disorders" who were awarded descriptors 9b, 9c or 9d as of plus the numbers who were not awarded a descriptor under activity area 9

(i.e. awarded 9a). Please break this down by the numbers satisfying the individual descriptors (i.e. 9b, 9c and 9d separately)

Please also breakdown the information by the standard second-tier reporting criteria i.e. Personality disorder, Specific learning disorder, Stress reactions, Anxiety disorders, Obsessive-compulsive disorder, Mixed anxiety and depressive disorders, Somatoform and dissociative disorders, Mood disorders, Psychotic disorders, Cognitive disorders, Eating disorders, Substance (mis) use disorders, Factitious disorder, global Learning disability, Autistic spectrum disorders, Hyperkinetic disorder, Conduct disorder (including

oppositional defiant disorder), Enuresis, Faecal soiling (encopresis), Other psychiatric disorders of childhood)”

ii) numbers where the main disabling condition was not one of the above conditions but who nonetheless satisfied one of the point scoring criteria under Activity 9 (i.e. 9b, 9c or 9d) broken down into "neurological decisions" and all other non-psychiatric disorders (NB "all other non-psychiatric disorders" do not need to be subdivided). Please also break the 2 groups down by descriptor (9b, 9c and 9d). Non point scoring descriptors are not required for these extra groups.”

DWP Response

We can confirm that we do hold the information you have requested.

The tables below show the breakdown of point scores in the “Engaging with other people face to face” daily living activity for Personal Independence Payment (PIP) claims in entitlement as of 30th April 2022. This data is broken down by Disability Subgroup for claimants with a main disability category of “Psychiatric Disorders”, for those in the category “Neurological Disease”, and all other non-Psychiatric disorders.

Table (a) – PIP claims in entitlement as of 30th April 2022, with psychiatric disorders as their main disabling condition and their scores in the ninth daily living activity “Engaging with other people face to face”.

Score in the ninth daily living activity – “Engaging with other people face to face”						
Subgroup for those with Psychiatric disorders	Missing	A	B	C	D	Total
Anxiety disorders	0	3,950	19,260	11,520	1,570	36,310
Autistic spectrum disorders	20	2,430	27,480	104,290	5,400	139,620
Cognitive disorders	0	4,320	4,440	18,380	460	27,590
Conduct disorder (including oppositional defiant disorder)	0	10	140	470	100	730
Eating disorders	0	750	3,410	1,220	50	5,440
Enuresis	0	0	10	20	0	30
Factitious disorder	0	0	10	10	0	30
Faecal soiling (encopresis)	0	10	10	10	0	30
Hyperkinetic disorder	10	2,140	14,540	23,300	1,88	41,860
Learning disability global	20	6,830	14,780	146,130	5,900	173,650
Mixed anxiety and depressive disorders	30	32,300	183,700	59,830	3,630	279,480
Mood disorders	10	15,610	69,900	25,420	1,650	112,580

Obsessive compulsive disorder	0	700	4,910	2,640	260	8,510
Other psychiatric disorders of childhood	0	20	190	330	50	590
Personality disorder	0	1,910	25,480	14,980	1,880	44,250
Psychotic disorders	10	3,770	57,320	54,550	4,410	120,070
Somatoform and dissociative disorders	0	210	550	560	80	1,390
Specific learning disorder	0	5,280	7,690	21,090	690	34,760
Stress reactions	0	3,730	24,370	11,810	1,100	41,000
Substance (mis) use disorders	0	2,690	8,800	3,320	200	15,010
Total (ALL)	100	86,660	466,990	499,870	29,290	1,082,920

Table (b) – PIP claims in entitlement as of 30th April 2022, with neurological disease as their main disabling condition and their scores in the ninth daily living activity “Engaging with other people face to face”.

Score in the ninth daily living activity – “Engaging with other people face to face”						
Disability Category	Missing	A	B	C	D	Total
Neurological disease	30	268,670	54,230	59,040	3,260	385,240

Table (c) – PIP claims in entitlement as of 30th April 2022, who do not have the main disabling condition of psychiatric disorders and their scores in the ninth daily living activity “Engaging with other people face to face”.

Score in the ninth daily living activity – “Engaging with other people face to face”						
Disability Category	Missing	A	B	C	D	Total
All conditions excluding Psychiatric disorder	1,060	1,486,550	251,770	115,920	33,450	1,888,740

Source: PIP ADS

Notes

- Data shows the point scores awarded by the DWP case manager following the claimant’s most recent assessment at the specified date. Point scores may be subsequently revised at mandatory reconsideration or appeal. Point scores may also change when a claimant undergoes an award review or reports a change of circumstances.
- Data is based on primary disabling condition as recorded on the PIP computer systems. Claimants may often have multiple disabling conditions upon which the decision is based but only the primary condition is shown in these statistics.
- Data includes claimants who made new claims to PIP and claimants who underwent Disability Living Allowance (DLA) reassessment to PIP.
- The category in table (c) ‘all conditions excluding Psychiatric disorder’ includes the category Neurological disease.
- Data includes normal rules and special rules for the terminally ill claimants.

- This is unpublished data from the PIP computer system's management information and has not been quality assured to National Statistics or Official Statistics publication standard. It should be used with caution and it may be subject to future revision.
- Figures are rounded to the nearest 10.
- Data is for Great Britain.
- Components may not sum to totals due to rounding.

Daily Living Activity 9. "Engaging with other people face to face"

- A:** Can engage with other people unaided. (0 points)
- B:** Needs prompting to be able to engage with other people. (2 points)
- C:** Needs social support to be able to engage with other people. (4 points)
- D:** Cannot engage with other people due to such engagement causing either:
 - (i) overwhelming psychological distress to the claimant; or
 - (ii) the claimant to exhibit behaviour which would result in a substantial risk of harm to the claimant or another person. (8 points)

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

Yours sincerely,

DWP Central Freedom of Information Team
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