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Dear Frank Zola,

Thank you for your Freedom of Information (FoI) request received on 18 February. You wrote:

"Out of just the 65 Jobcentre claimants mentioned below, how many got offered:

- [1] A full time paid job?
- [2] A paid job, not considered full time?
- [3] A Kickstart placement?
- [4] An apprenticeship?
- [5] A Sector-Based Work Academies placement?
- [6] Training?

On the same day as the Liverpool Jobs Fair?

What was the names of the employers that offered jobs on the day of the Jobs fair, how many did each offer and what was the names of all employers who participated in the Jobs Fair and the names of those who participated in the Jobs Fair who offered Kickstart, Apprenticeship, Training and Sector-Based Work Academies placements?

If the 65 Jobcentre claimants got offered paid employment, how many employers did this involve?

"A jobs fair held in Liverpool city centre saw 65 people out of more than 230 people who attended offered jobs on the spot.

As well as the 65 people offered jobs on the day..."

https://lbndaily.co.uk/65-people-secure-jobs-on-the-spot/

If claimants expected to attend these Job Fair did not attend or participate could they have been subjected to Benefit Sanctions and did your keep a record or register on those who attended and those that did not?

How many claimants got invited to this Jobs Fair and how many attended?"

DWP Response

We confirm that we do hold some of the information you have requested. We do not hold the information requested relating your first request and are unable to provide a number for how many customers were offered a [1] A full time paid job, [2] A paid job, not considered full time, [3] A Kickstart placement, [4] An apprenticeship, [5] A Sector-Based Work Academies placement and [6] Training.

A copy of the available information is provided below.

On the day, we identified 69 job offers made to attendees. All employers on the below table, except the NHS SWAP, offered at least one job, some of these are Gateway Organisations representing a number of employers under the Kickstart Scheme.

Employers - Duke Street Jobs fair - 17th February 2022
2 Sisters Food
Agenda for Public Relations
Apollo
Curtins
Daisy Inclusive UK
Delta Taxis
Heartbeat International Missions
iCare Solutions (Liverpool) Ltd
INTX Cars
Jayne Moore Media
JM Excellence
Liverpool Biennial of Contemporary Art Limited
Liverpool City Council
Maray
Merseymade
NHS
Oaktree developments north west Ltd
Perfect Shutters
PSS
Reform Radio Community Interest Company
Rok360
The Learning Foundry
Transform Lives Company
University of Liverpool
WeareSN

Attendance at the jobs fair was voluntary and no register was kept of attendees, however we were able to identify that 235 customers attended out of the 449 who were invited.

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

Yours sincerely,

DWP Central Freedom of Information Team Department for Work and Pensions

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