

DWP Central Freedom of Information Team

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Our Ref: FOI2020/05609

11 February 2020

Dear F,

Thank you for your Freedom of Information (Fol) request received on 7 February. You asked:

*If I openly record this person, they wont do anything illegal, but when a camera isnt infront of the person, they commit fraud. The crime they commit falls under fraud act 2006, sections 2,3,4 and 6. If I am not allowed to film covertly, then I have no evidence to prove this person is committing a crime. If i do film then i cant represent it in court. So what action can i take against this member of the job centre, in order to prove to the court that they are committing a crime?*

**DWP Response:**

On this occasion the Department will not be processing your response further. This is because your request does not comply with Section 8(1)(b) of the FOI Act. This means that to comply with your request the department requires that you give your real name. The Information Commissioner (ICO) has issued guidance for public authorities on this topic. The ICO considers that "the name of the applicant refers to the real name of the applicant. You can see the guidance issued by the ICO here:

<https://ico.org.uk/media/for-organisations/documents/1164/recognising-a-request-made-under-the-foia.pdf>

If you would like to submit your request again using a name that satisfies the above requirement DWP will be pleased to consider it.

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 happy with this response you may request an internal review by e-mailing [freedom-of-information-request@dwpa.gov.uk](mailto:freedom-of-information-request@dwpa.gov.uk) or by writing to DWP, Central Fol Team, Caxton House, Tothill Street, SW1H 9NA. Any review request should be submitted within two months of the date of this letter.

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  
Web: [ico.org.uk/Global/contact\\_us](http://ico.org.uk/Global/contact_us) or telephone 0303 123 1113 or 01625 545745