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Dear Mike Robinson,

Thank you for your Freedom of Information (FoI) request received on 21 June. You wrote:

“In 2019 and 2020 you very kindly provided me with information regarding PIP claimants at 30th April 2019 with psychiatric disorders as their main disabling condition and their scores in the ninth daily living activity “Engaging with other people face to face” (Ref: FOI2019/27062 and FOI2020/23763).

In order 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 2021.

Consequently, I request:

Details of the numbers of clients on the Personal Independence Payment caseload with recognised psychiatric disorders who were awarded descriptors 9b, 9c or 9d as of 30th April 2021 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)”

DWP Response

I confirm that we hold the recorded information to respond to your request.

The table below shows the breakdown of point scores in the “Engaging with other people face to face” daily living activity for Personal Independence Payment (PIP) claims in payment as of 30th April 2021. This data is broken down by Disability Subgroup for claimants with a main disability category of “Psychiatric Disorders”.

Table – PIP claims in payment as of 30th April 2021, 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”						
Disability Subgroup	Missing	A	B	C	D	Total
Anxiety disorders	0	3,020	17,320	8,040	1,500	29,890
Autistic spectrum disorders	10	2,370	27,010	84,920	4,810	119,120
Cognitive disorders	0	4,350	4,490	17,990	460	27,290
Conduct disorder (including oppositional defiant disorder)	0	20	140	330	80	570
Eating disorders	0	680	3,130	780	40	4,630
Enuresis	0	0	10	10	0	20
Factitious disorder	0	0	10	10	0	30
Faecal soiling (encopresis)	0	10	10	10	0	30
Hyperkinetic disorder	10	1,980	13,630	17,140	1,560	34,310
Learning disability global	10	6,790	14,800	142,010	5,790	169,400
Mixed anxiety and depressive disorders	10	26,460	173,440	40,330	3,230	243,470
Mood disorders	10	12,990	66,430	18,700	1,500	99,620
Obsessive compulsive disorder	0	640	4,740	1,980	250	7,620
Other psychiatric disorders of childhood	0	20	180	250	40	500
Personality disorder	0	1,640	24,250	11,100	1,790	38,780
Psychotic disorders	10	3,670	60,670	46,210	4,300	114,850
Somatoform and dissociative disorders	0	190	540	440	80	1,250
Specific learning disorder	0	5,250	7,530	19,610	650	33,040
Stress reactions	0	2,680	21,430	7,890	950	32,950
Substance (mis) use disorders	0	2,650	8,470	2,340	160	13,630
Total	60	75,410	448,220	420,080	27,200	970,980

Source: PIP ADS

Notes

- Data shows the point scores awarded by the DWP case manager following the claimant’s most recent assessment. 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.
- 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.
- Totals may differ to those published on Stat-Xplore (<https://stat-xplore.dwp.gov.uk/>) due to methodological differences. Notably, the Stat-Xplore data report the primary disability of the claimant as originally recorded for them on the PIP system, whereas here we have used the most recent primary disability information for each person, which could be different. We expect that future PIP statistics publications will be modified to use the latest disability information in line with the methodology used here (see <https://www.gov.uk/government/statistics/personal-independence-payment-statistics-to-april-2021> for more details)

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,

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