

DWP Central Freedom of Information Team

e-mail: freedom-of-information-request@dwp.gsi.gov.uk

Our Ref: FOI2019/10750

28 March 2019

Dear Alison Benson,

Thank you for your Freedom of Information (Fol) request received on 12 March. You asked:

Article 37 of the General Data Protection Regulation requires the designation of a data protection officer, if an organisation is carrying out particular activities.

<https://gdpr-info.eu/art-37-gdpr/>

I am trying to find out how organisations chose who would be the designated DPO, based on their professional qualities, expert knowledge of data protection law and practices and the ability to fulfil the tasks referred to in Article 39.

If the name of your DPO is not listed on the Information Commissioner's Register,, then I am happy for you to redact this, however please provide any recorded information you hold which shows how your organisation went about designating a DPO.

The Freedom of Information Act gives you a legal right of access to any recorded information held by a public authority. We do not have to provide opinions or explanations, generate answers to questions, or create or obtain information we do not hold.

If you ask a question, rather than requesting recorded information, we will provide you with the recorded information that best answers the question. Once we have provided the recorded information, we have met our obligations under the Act; interpreting the information provided is up to you.

We do not hold any recorded information to answer your request. However, you may find the following explanation useful. We have provided this outside our obligations under the Freedom of Information Act.

DWP designated Dominic Hartley as its Data Protection Officer under Article 37 of the General Data Protection Regulation based on his formal qualifications and extensive experience of data protection in DWP and previously other government departments.

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

Yours sincerely,

DWP Central FoI Team

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@dwpgsi.gov.uk or by writing to DWP, Central FoI 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
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