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Our Ref: IR 441

Date : 2 November 2015

Dear Mr Fraser,

Thank you for your Freedom of Information (Fol) internal review request received on 30 July 2015. Please accept my apologies for the delay in replying. You asked:

*You said;*

*"• DWP – We share all the information with the LA regarding existing and closed legacy benefits that is relevant to the LA for the claimant(s) only.*

*• LA – DWP and HMRC data is provided to LAs by DWP for the limited purposes of administering HB, and any specific service or provision of a prescribed welfare service or local council tax reduction scheme. Currently this is limited to:*

*Housing Benefit*

*Local Council Tax Reduction schemes (LCTR) Local welfare provision (LWP). "*

*You firstly define the sharing info from DWP as claimant (s) only but when it comes to LA you don't mention anything about claimant(s) only restriction.*

*How can I read it? Can I understand "DWP and HMRC data is provided to LAs by DWP" also claimant(s) only? If it includes the non-dependant(s) information, then it sounds contradicting.*

In response to your request, I can confirm that the handling of your original request and response has now been appropriately reviewed and that I was unconnected with the handling of your original request.

As a result of this review I find that the original decision was not correct and as such your request for review is upheld. The information that you request is therefore as follows:

In answer to the questions you have raised, Universal Credit (UC) currently collects the following information on non-dependants:

- First Name
- Middle name
- Last Name
- Date of Birth
- Gender
- Relationship to the claimant(s) We ask this if the none dependent is away on ops with armed forces and if child or step child)
- Are they in education?

- When did they start education?
- Is the none dependent responsible for a child under 5
- Does the non-dependent receive any other benefit
- Is the none dependent in the armed forces

## 2. Automatic Data sharing for UC non dependents.

- HMRC – Universal Credit does not routinely receive or share information from HMRC in respect of non-dependents.
- DWP – Universal Credit does not routinely receive or share information regarding the benefits that non dependents in a UC household claim and therefore does not share this information.
- LA – UC data and HMRC data on none dependents is provided to LAs by DWP for the limited purposes of specific services or provision of a prescribed welfare service or local council tax reduction scheme. Currently this is limited to:
  - Housing Benefit
  - Local Council Tax Reduction schemes (LCTR)
  - Local welfare provision (LWP).

In UC this is limited to the non-dependent information that we collect. We share the information in cases where there is a valid claim for LCTS or they intend to make a claim whilst making a claim to UC.

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

Yours sincerely,

DWP Strategy Fol Team

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