

DWP Central Freedom of Information Team

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Our Ref: 2016-2131

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Dear Bill Webber,

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request received on 9 June 2016.  
You asked:

**“Deaths Caused By The Dept Work and Pensions Staff**

**How many suicides have taken place over people not being able to manage due to the failure of Dept and Work and Pensions staffs to give them enough monies to live on and sustain a lifestyle that the law says they must have.**

**How many persons that were claiming or attempting to claim benefits from the Dept Work Pensions have had relatives or friends reporting to the Dept Work Pensions that the persons death was caused by suicide and the reasons given for those suicides are not being given enough to live on or their entitlement by Dept Work Pensions.**

**How many Dept Work and Pensions staffs has been reported to the CPS for manslaughter following people committing suicide as a result of the staff at the Dept Work Pensions not giving them enough monies to live off.**

**How many Dept Work and Pensions staff have been prosecuted for manslaughter following the suicide of a claimant who was not given his or her entitlement or suffered a failed claim and this was reported to the Dept Work Pensions after the persons death.**

**I require the information to petition the CPS and my MP for prosecutions over the deaths of claimants when there is evidence their deaths were attributed to by the negligence of DWP staff. Bullying is a way of contributing to a persons death by suicide and lots of claimants feel they have been bullied by the DWP, I WANT TO KNOW HOW MANY DEATHS THE DWP staff are responsible for?””**

In response to your query, we can confirm that the Department does not hold this information.

Legal investigations into deaths, including suicides, in **England and Wales** are performed by the relevant Coroner's office where the death occurred. Please note, coroners are not subject to the Freedom of Information Act.

Legal investigations into deaths in **Scotland** are administered by the Scottish Courts Service. Details on how to raise a FOI request with them can be found [here](#):

<http://www.scotcourts.gov.uk/about-the-scottish-court-service/contact-us/freedom-of-information>

You can raise a FOI request with the Crown Prosecution Service (CPS) using the information here: <http://cps.gov.uk/foi/index.html>

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

Yours sincerely,

DWP Central FoI Team

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