

DWP Central Freedom of Information Team
e-mail: freedom-of-information-request@dwp.gsi.gov.uk

Our Ref: Fol 386

Date: 9 February 2018

Dear Ms Bellows,

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request of 27 January 2018. You asked:

“This FOI response refers to a PIP Descriptor log.

<https://www.whatdotheyknow.com/request/391196/response/949691/attach/3/PIP13NE%20Receipt%20of%20AP%20Report%20v2.pdf>

Could you disclose this descriptor log?

If a descriptor log exists for ESA, could you also disclose it?”

DWP Response

The Personal Independence Payment (PIP) descriptor log can be found on GOV.UK in the Decision Maker Guide, Chapter P2: Assessment for PIP:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/advice-for-decision-making-staff-guide>

The assessment activities and descriptors used in the Work Capability Assessment for ESA can be found in the ‘Employment and Support Allowance: the Work Capability Assessment: Detailed Guide’ and the ‘Work Capability Assessment Handbook’ both available on:

[www.gov.uk: https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/esa214-a-guide-to-employment-and-support-allowance-the-work-capability-assessment](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/esa214-a-guide-to-employment-and-support-allowance-the-work-capability-assessment)

And

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/work-capability-assessment-handbook-for-healthcare-professionals>

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

Yours sincerely,

DWP Strategy Fol 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@dwp.gsi.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

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