

Date 30<sup>th</sup> September 2015

Our Ref: VTR IR495

Dear Simon Sparks,

Thank you for your Freedom of Information (FoI) internal review request received on 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2015. You asked:

*I am writing to request an internal review of Department for Work and Pensions' handling of my FOI request 'DLA to PIP conversion'.*

*I would like ask for reconsideration at once, I demand to know exactly what information the DWP is planning to publish and in what format.*

*A full history of my FOI request and all correspondence is available on the Internet at this address: [https://www.whatdotheyknow.com/request/dla\\_to\\_pip\\_conversion](https://www.whatdotheyknow.com/request/dla_to_pip_conversion)*

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 am satisfied that the original response was handled properly and that the outcome of your request was correct albeit some supporting information could have been provided on published statistics showing clearance types and award rates for DLA reassessment cases. These would have partially answered your FoI request. These statistics are not available by Assessment Provider (AP) nor do they allow a comparison of financial outcomes to be made with DLA. However, these statistics do show the volume of PIP reassessment cases and award rates. The statistics are available here: <https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/personal-independence-payment-statistics>

On your broader request for further details on what will be published and in what format, once a fuller assessment has been made of the quality and robustness of the DLA to PIP reassessment outcome data, the Department will pre-announce details of what information we will publish and the intended date of publication in due course, in line with UK Statistics Authority release protocols.

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

Yours sincerely,

DWP Central Fol Team

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**Your right to complain under the Freedom of Information Act**

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  
[www.ico.org.uk/Global/contact\\_us](http://www.ico.org.uk/Global/contact_us) or telephone 0303 123 1113 or 01625 545745