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Dear Mr Slater

Freedom of Information Act – Request for Information

Our Reference: FOI 0391

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request which we received on 23 January 2013.

You asked:

Please provide me with the following information:

The number of Registered Medical Practitioners who have been sponsored by Atos to sit the Diploma in Disability Medicine.

Document - The Data Protection Act Within Atos Healthcare (Ref: MED DPAWAH01 V3)

Document - Training & Development Disability Analysis for New Entrants And Introduction to ESA (For Registered Medical Practitioners) (Participant Pack) - MED-DANEESARMP~001(c)

Document - Training & Development Disability Analysis for New Entrants And Introduction to ESA (For Registered Medical Practitioners) (Facilitator Notes) - MED-DANEESARMP~001(a)

Document - Training & Development Disability Analysis for New Entrants And Introduction to ESA (For Registered Medical Practitioners) (Essential Pre-course Reading) - MED-DANEESARMP~001(b)

Document - GMC/NMC Communication Process - MED GMCNMCCP01

Document - DWP Business Guide to Clinical Recruitment Department - MED-CRD01

Document - The Standard Script used by the resource team to seek claimants approval to have their WCA recorded during the Harrington Audio Recording Pilot (as described in Recording of Medical Assessments – Assessment Process Flow Version 4 18/03/11.

Document - The Standard Script used by the HCP during Harrington Audio Recording Pilot (as described in Recording of Medical Assessments – Recording device Process Flow Version 3 16/03/11.

“ESA RFP 13th September 2007 Final Version (Author H Cresswell)” Page 12 states “It is estimated that approximately 11% of new customers will fall into the Support Group. Atos Healthcare MUST base their solution and costs the figures in Appendix 8. “ Please provide the documentation where this estimate is calculated / derived.

Question 1:

The DWP does not hold the number of Registered Medical Practitioners who have been sponsored by Atos to sit the Diploma in Disability Medicine.

Question 2:

Please find attached the guides as requested:

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Question 3:

The WCA was designed in consultation with medical experts and representative groups. It builds on the experience gained from the operation of the Personal Capability Assessment (PCA) which was used for Incapacity Benefit, which was replaced by ESA. To estimate the probable assessment results the figures derived in the ESA RFP were based on historical Incapacity Benefit results of Personal Capability Reports information.

In year 2008/09 total ESA New Claim referrals were 151,523 - Support Group criteria 16,274 (10.74%); the percentage was constant throughout. Therefore, DWP use the derivation of 11% from these findings.

Yours sincerely

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