

DWP Policy Group Freedom of Information Team

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Our Ref: FOI2019/08153

8 March 2019

Dear Trevor Price,

Thank you for your Freedom of Information (Fol) request received on 26 February. You asked:

- 1) That the Department for Works and Pensions has set-up a Behavioural Science Unit (BSU)*
- 2) The date the BSU was set-up on?*
- 3) How many staff work within the BSU?*

**DWP Response:**

- 1) The Department for Work and Pensions has a Behavioural Science team.
- 2) The Behavioural Science team was set up on 15<sup>th</sup> of February 2016.
- 3) As of March 4<sup>th</sup> 2019, 16 people work within the Behavioural Science team.

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

Yours sincerely,

DWP Policy Group Fol Team

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**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](mailto: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.

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