

Department for Work and Pensions (DWP)
Central Freedom of Information Team

freedom-of-information-request@dwp.gsi.gov.uk

Our reference: VTR 2845

Date: 23 August 2016

Dear Mr McLean,

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request received on 2 August 2016.

You asked:

Please can the Department of Work & Pensions (DWP) advise how many of these coronial reports [*Rule 43 & Section 28*] to prevent future deaths following the death of a DWP client have been received by your department for:-

- 1] Calendar year 2010 - 1st January 2010 to 31st December 2010. For example the late Stephen Carré, where HM Coroner Mr Tom Osborne issued a Rule 43 report/letter as a result of your department's treatment of people with disabilities?
- 2] Calendar year 2011 - 1st January 2011 to 31st December 2011.
- 3] Calendar year 2012 - 1st January 2012 to 31st December 2012.
- 4] Calendar year 2013 - 1st January 2013 to 31st December 2013.
- 5] Calendar year 2014 - 1st January 2014 to 31st December 2014.
- 6] Calendar year 2015 - 1st January 2015 to 31st December 2015.
- 7] Current year 2016 - 1st January 2016 to 31st July 2016.

Please can the DWP name each coroner; each jurisdiction/coroner's court, and each of the deceased where public domain rules allow this (and if not, then appropriately redacted documents in lieu).

DWP Response

Section 21 of the Freedom of Information Act allows us to direct you to information that is already reasonably accessible to you. For rule 43 reports you can find information on GOV.UK using this link:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications> and the keywords "Rule 43" and "Coroners" as your search terms. Look especially for reports titled "Summary of reports and responses under Rule 43 of the Coroners Rules" or similar. A

searchable database of Section 28 reports is maintained on the Courts and Tribunal Judiciary website here: <https://www.judiciary.gov.uk/publications/> using the search terms “subject = Other related deaths” and/or “subject = Suicide (from 2015)”. In the case of both Rule 43 and Section 28 cases you can research the search results to identify the cases referred to this Department.

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

Yours sincerely,

DWP Operations FOI 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@dwpgsi.gov.uk or by writing to DWP, Central FOI 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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