

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

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

**Our reference:** Fol 3822

**Date:** 18 September 2017

Dear Faith

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request received on 14 September 2017. You asked:

*I would like to request the following four questions.*

- 1) Ann Taylor was stated as the decision maker of the ESA and PIP decision letter. Could you please tell us her full medical qualifications? Can you tell us the minimal medical qualification required if Executive Officers are the ones who actually makes the decision?*
- 2) Why does DWP not reveal the actual decision maker's name on the ESA and PIP decision letter? I ask this because it would make it difficult for the clients to find out who the actual decision maker is and her/his medical qualifications.*
- 3) Can you tell us how many ESA WCA decision has been made in July 2017 and August 2017?*
- 4) Can you tell us how many PIP decision has been made in July 2017 and August 2017?*

**DWP Response:**

On this occasion the Department will not be processing your response further. This is because your request does not comply with Section 8(1)(b) of the FOI Act. This means that to comply with your request the department requires that you give your real name. The Information Commissioner (ICO) has issued guidance for public authorities on this topic. The ICO considers that "the name of the applicant refers to the real name of the applicant. You can see the guidance issued by the ICO here:

<https://ico.org.uk/media/for-organisations/documents/1164/recognising-a-request-made-under-the-foia.pdf>

If you would like to submit your request again using a name that satisfies the above requirement DWP will be pleased to consider it.

If you have any queries about this letter please contact me 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 happy with this response you may request an internal review by e-mailing [freedom-of-information-request@dwpgsi.gov.uk](mailto:freedom-of-information-request@dwpgsi.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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