

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

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

Our reference: FoIR147

Date: 4 April 2018

Dear Mr Collins,

Thank you for your Freedom of Information Review Request received on 8 March 2018.

You asked:

I am writing to request an internal review of Department for Work and Pensions's handling of my FOI request 'ESA ibr'.

I asked for

"Please can you attach the guides and advice, Procedures and Processes and bulletins, updates for ESA IBR"

You only gave

Generic Overview of End to End IB(IS) Reassessment wheres
Generic Overview of End to End IB(C) Reassessment or similar guidance for
Incapacity Benefit Contributory as you've only given Incapacity Benefit
Income Support

DWP Response:

I am of a senior grade to the person who dealt with your request previously, and can confirm that I have carried out an internal review. I am now in a position to respond to you.

I am content that your original request was dealt with in accordance with DWP guidelines for FoI requests.

The reason for this is because Incapacity benefit is a Contributory benefit only, and only has the guidance we have already provided. The reason why we refer to it as IB(IS) is that Incapacity Benefit and Income Support were usually claimed simultaneously.

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

Yours sincerely,

DWP Central FoI Team

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 or telephone 0303 123 1113 or 01625 545745