

DWP Central Freedom of Information Team

e-mail: freedom-of-information-request@dwp.gov.uk

Our Ref: FOI2019/19928

Date: 27 June 2019

Dear Alison Stevens,

Thank you for your Freedom of Information (Fol) request received on 26 May 2019. You asked:

“Could you please answer the following questions with regards to this Freedom of Information request.

*1.How many Claimants for ESA and PIP have had an Ambulance called and taken to Hospital during a WCA or PIP medical Assessment at a DWP medical assessment centre?
please give statistics for the past 12 calendar months.*

2.How many Claimants have died during Their medical assessment for ESA and. PIP purposes at a DWP medical assessment centre.

Please give statistics for the past 12 calendar months.,”

DWP Response

In response to Question 1, I can confirm that in the last 12 months there have been 12 individuals who had an ambulance called and taken to hospital during their Personal Independent Payment (PIP) assessment. Following a search of our paper and electronic records I have established that there are no records held for the number of individuals who had an ambulance called and taken to hospital during their Work Capability Assessment.

In response to question 2, the Assessment Providers have confirmed that no claimant has died during their PIP or Work Capability Assessment, at any assessment centre.

Please note that the Fol Act provides a right of access to recorded information held by a public authority like the department (subject to certain exemptions). The Act does not provide that a public authority must create new information to answer questions.

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

Yours sincerely,

DWP Central Fol 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@dpw.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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