

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

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**Our reference: VTR 4031**

**Date:** 30<sup>th</sup> September

Dear Mr Powell,

Thank you for your Freedom of Information (Fol) request received on 22<sup>nd</sup> September. You asked:

Please would you kindly provide the most up to date documentation on whether people in the ESA Support group can be mandated to work. As far as I know this only applied to ESA work related activity group but it may have changed.

Please find attached the ESA Guidance for Jobcentres Chapter 1 of the JCP Offer which confirms at paragraph 17 that people in the Support Group cannot be mandated to work.

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@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.

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