

DWP Central Freedom of Information Team

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

Our Ref: FOI2020/03833

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Dear Peter Harland,

Thank you for your Freedom of Information (Fol) request received on 28 January. You asked:

I have been made aware of a great many falsey, misleading and inadequate DBD370(N) GPFR reports gathered by advocacy agencies in regard to DWP benefit tribunals, which upon appeal are granted. These reports show a severe lack of patient knowledge and/or negligent behaviour, as upon investigation the data is easily gathered from a properly read/kept set of patient records. I would like to know how many cases have been properly investigated and have any GP's, bearing in mind the legal issues, GMC guidelines etc..etc.. Been held to account for falsifying evidence used by yourselves in these many cases?

DWP Response:

I can confirm that we do not hold the information requested.

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

Yours sincerely,

DWP Policy Group 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@dwp.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
Web: ico.org.uk/Global/contact_us or telephone 0303 123 1113 or 01625 545745