

DWP Central Freedom of Information Team

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

Our Ref: Fol 647

DATE: 15 March 2016

Dear Joanne Dobinson,

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request of 18 February 2016. You asked:

I would like to request the figures for the amount of people who;

A. were awarded pip at standard rate and enhanced rate on daily living component

B. Were awarded pip at standard and enhanced rate of mobility component

And who's medical assessments were performed by alyson raynor from atos

C. How many people have had these decisions overturned by tribunal

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A. – B.

Section 21 of the Freedom of Information Act allows us to direct you to information which is already reasonably accessible to you.

PIP statistics on the number of claims in payment, broken down by the rate of award for both the daily living and mobility components, can be found at Stat-explore: <https://stat-xplore.dwp.gov.uk> and guidance on how to use Stat-Xplore can be found here: <https://sw.stat-xplore.dwp.gov.uk/webapi/online-help/index.html>.

Personal information about a third party is treated as exempt information under section 40(2) of the Freedom of Information (FoI) Act 2000. This is because access to personal information is treated under the provisions of the Data Protection Act 1998 and can only be released to you where such disclosure would not breach that person's right to privacy.

DWP maintains the following policy on disclosure of personal information:

"All personal information held in social security records is regarded as confidential. Information will not normally be disclosed to third parties without the consent of the person concerned. Information may normally be disclosed without consent to meet statutory requirements; to comply with a court order; to prevent duplication of payments from public funds; or where there is a compelling public interest in making the disclosure."

All disclosures made by DWP, in order to be considered authorised must be able to demonstrate that at least one of the above criteria apply. Any disclosure must have a sound legal footing and comply with the Data Protection Act 1998 Principles.

Under the FoI Act, DWP is not obliged to confirm or deny that it holds personal information about third parties, but in any event, even if was held, the Department would not disclose the names of claimants to you.

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Statistics on PIP appeals, including overturn rates, are published by Ministry of Justice and can be found at; <https://www.gov.uk/government/statistics/tribunals-and-gender-recognition-certificate-statistics-quarterly-july-to-september-2015>

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

Yours sincerely,

DWP Strategy FoI 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 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 www.ico.gov.uk