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Dear Eva Sheffield,

Thank you for your Freedom of Information (FoI) request received on 28 April. You wrote:

“Please provide the data for the flexible support fund in Westminster- Marylebone Job centre for:
2018-2019
2019-2020
2020-2021

Please advise the amounts budgeted for each year and what was actually spend. How much was left unused.

Please provide the breakdown of what was it spend on if available.”

DWP Response

Following a search of our paper and electronic records, we have established that we hold some of the information you requested.

The requested expenditure figures for the Financial years 2018-19 and 2019-20 are provided in the table below for St Marylebone Jobcentre:

Flexible Support Fund Expenditure for St Marylebone Jobcentre * (£)

Category	2018-19	2019-20
Removing Barriers	36,763	36,282
Training	12,081	6,935
Other	445	9
Total	49,288	43,226

Source: Hyperion

* Additional costs may be incurred across the geographical District area, where it is not possible to identify expenditure by Jobcentre, as expenditure may relate to a cluster of sites.

Note: Westminster Jobcentre closed in 2017 and therefore no expenditure is provided.

The Flexible Support Fund budget is not allocated to individual offices and is managed at an Area level.

For 2020-2021

We can confirm that the Department holds the information you are seeking. However, Section 22 of the Freedom of Information Act exempts this information from disclosure. This is because the information is intended for publication at a future date.

This exemption requires the Department to weigh up the public interest for and against disclosure. There is a public interest in information being released as soon as possible. However, there is a strong public interest in permitting public authorities, such as DWP, to publish information in a manner and form and at a time of their own choosing. It is a part of the effective conduct of public affairs that the general publication of information is a conveniently planned and managed activity within the reasonable control of public authorities. Therefore, in this instance the Department has a reasonable entitlement to make its own arrangements to publish information.

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

Yours sincerely,

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