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Dear Mr Jones

Freedom of Information Act – Request for Information
Our Reference: Fol 2588

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request which we received on 5 June 2013. In that request, you asked:

In respect of DWP response Fol 2123 dated 5 June 2013:

Q1 – Please tell me the specific “support” that Logic Integrated Medical Assessment provides to Nurses and Physiotherapists that enables them to complete medical reports that is not required by Doctors?

For the avoidance of doubt I only want to be provided with a high level description of the specific Logic Integrated Medical Assessment functionality that is relevant to supporting Nurses and Physiotherapists in completing a medical report rather than Doctors. Please do not simply send me a generic document about Logic Integrated Medical Assessment as I do not have sufficient knowledge to be able to extract the relevant information from it.

Q2 – Whilst the DWP helpfully explained that nurses and physiotherapists “...are not trained in the completion of paper based reports. Any change to this would require a successful demonstration that they are able to complete paper based reports to the required standard”, it didn’t provide a meaningful explanation as to why nurses and physiotherapists are not trained in the completion of paper based reports. Whilst I appreciate that “Any change to this would require a successful demonstration that they are able to complete paper based reports to the required standard” this doesn’t actually explain the reasoning or logic behind the decision not to train nurses and physiotherapists in the completion of paper based reports.

Therefore, please explain specifically why nurses and physiotherapists are not trained to produce paper based reports? (Simply responding that “Any change to this would require a successful demonstration that they are able to complete paper based reports to the required standard” does not answer the question as there must be a reason as to why the relevant training has been provided to Doctors but not to Nurses and Physiotherapists).

Q3 – Other than completing paper based reports what other training are Doctors given that enables them to undertake Domiciliary Visits?

In response to Question 1, one of the features of the Logic Integrated Medical Assessment (LiMA) software computer software is that it contains a repository of information which is available to all Healthcare Professionals (HCPs). HCPs come from varied health care disciplines and the software repository was created as an electronic reference tool to support

HCPs in their work as Disability Analysts. It provides factual information, which is evidence based on a wide range of medical conditions.

With regard to Question 2, as explained in a previous response (ref FOI 2123 dated 5 June 2013), Nurses and Physiotherapists are currently trained to complete reports using LiMA software and are not trained in the completion of paper based reports because these are not used for Work Capability Assessments.

In answer to Question 3, information on Domiciliary Visits is contained in the guidance that is issued to all approved HCPs employed by Atos Healthcare.

Yours sincerely

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