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Our Ref: IR 619 & IR 620

20 November 2015

Dear I Cau,

Thank you for your email requesting a review of the Department for Work and Pensions (DWP) responses relating to your request entitled 'Assessment Service Service Training Programme Plan'. The relevant references are: FOI 1465, FOI 2861, FOI 3327, IR 498, FOI 4318, IR 615

In your email you asked to be provided with information answering the following questions:-

IR 619: *'In addition to which you have therefore supplied no information in 180 days - 6 months*

There are no requests for information outstanding in the last 60 days on the 2 from over 180 days ago!'

IR 620: *'I am writing to request an internal review of Department for Work and Pensions's handling of my FOI request 'Health and Disability Assessment Service Service Training Programme Plan'.*

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Please confirm which FOI requests you are processing which amount to over £600 work, as they are none showing so the balance is £0.

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there has been FOI information supplied by you in 6 months,

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This request was submitted 6 months ago, no new FOI was requested for it.'

Please be assured that your request has been given our full consideration and that all aspects of your review were taken fully into account.

For clarity, I will take each request in turn.

FOI 1465: On 10 April 2015 you submitted the following request:

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Health and Disability Assessment Service Service Requirement Continuing Professional Development (CPD) 51.16. The Supplier will provide the Authority with a plan setting out in detail the manner in which the Training Programme will be delivered 51.18. This Training Plan must be completed and shared with the Authority by 31 July each year.

Please attach a copy of the Training Plan'

The response dated 16 April 2015 advised you that the information was not held at that time and the request was then closed.

I find that that the response to FOI 1465 was correct.

FOI 2861: On 5 July you submitted the following request:
'I am writing to request an internal review of Department for Work and Pensions's handling of my FOI request 'Health and Disability Assessment Service Service Training Programme Plan'.

Please can you now supply the information Training Plan.

The legislation states the supplier must have shared the Training Plan with you by July 31 at the latest.

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Please attach a copy of the Training Plan'

The response dated 16 July 2015 advised you that the information was not held at that time and re-iterated your statement that the Training Plan was due by 31 July each year. The request was then closed.

I find that that the response to FOI 2861 was correct.

FOI 3327: On 1 August 2015 you submitted the following request:

'I am writing to request an internal review of Department for Work and Pensions's handling of my FOI request 'Health and Disability Assessment Service Service Training Programme Plan'.

Your reply at

<https://www.whatdotheyknow.com/request/262358/response/680333/attach/3/FOI%202861%20Cau%20I%20WDTK%20final%20Response.pdf>
states

In response I can advise that the Training Plan has not yet been provided to the Department. As stated above; 'This 'Training Plan must be completed and shared with the Authority by 31 July each year.'

Please share the Health and Disability Assessment Service Service Training Programme Plan as you say you should have it now'

The response dated 12 August 2015 advised that as Centre for Health and Disability Assessments (CHDA) were currently in Contract Year 1, it had been agreed by the Department and CHDA to extend the date for submission of the Training Plan to 30 September 2015, therefore the information was not held at that time and you were advised to request again at a later date.

I find that that the response to FOI 3327 was correct.

IR 498: On 3 September 2015 you submitted the following request:

'I am writing to request an internal review of Department for Work and Pensions's handling of my FOI request 'Health and Disability Assessment Service Service Training Programme Plan'.

Page 57 of 83 HDAS - Schedule 2.1 (Service Requirements).pdf states 51.18. This Training Plan must be completed and shared with the Authority by 31 July each year.

Your reply 12th August acknowledged the Health and Disability Assessment Service Training Plan was due to be completed and shared by 31 July 2015 but the date for final submission was extended out of contract terms for the Health and Disability Assessment Service Training Plan, to 30 September 2015.

Please supply the Health and Disability Assessment Service Training Plan as 30th is the final date, if it is unavailable today please supply it on the 30th,

The response dated 23 September found the response dated 12 August (FOI 3327) to be correct and upheld the decision.

I find that the decision dated 23 September to be correct.

FOI 4318: On 1 October 2015 you submitted the following request:

'Further to your reply

You stated you would have the information for the 30th September and to reask for it

It is now the 1st October

Please supply the Health and Disability Assessment Service Service Training Programme Plan'

On 29 October 2015 an interim response was issued to you advising that the Department was considering an exemption to which the public interest test applies. Subsequently, you were advised that the deadline for response had been extended to 27 November 2015.

For this request, the public interest test is still under consideration and we hope to supply you with a response by 27 November 2015, as previously stated.

IR 615: On 29 October 2015 you submitted the following request:

'I am writing to request an internal review of Department for Work and Pensions's handling of my FOI request 'Health and Disability Assessment Service Service Training Programme Plan'.

This request was not made in the last 60 days!

*It was made on
7 April 2015*

A internal review was requested for the information because it was legally bound to be supplied to the DWP by a tendered, won and then signed contract

Please supply the information requested 6 months ago!'

The response dated 16 November 2015 upheld the decision dated 16 April (FOI 1465). It also explained the extension of the deadline relating to FOI 4318.

I find that the response to IR 615 was correct.

Moving on to the current IR's 619 & 620:

You have asked for a list of which Freedom of Information (FOI) requests are being processed which amount to over £600 work.

I can confirm that Section 12 of the FOI Act has not been applied to any of the cases under this review and having undertaken a thorough review of the responses above, I find them to be correct and uphold the decisions.

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.

If you have any queries about this letter please contact me 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 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.org.uk/Global/contact_us or telephone 0303 123 1113 or 01625 545745