

DWP Central Freedom of Information Team

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

Our Ref: 2018-15034/15038

16 January 2019

Dear Trudy Baddams,

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request received on 22 December 2018.

For FOI 2018-15034 you asked:

“How many sanctions have been placed on claimants on ESA or JSA or UC who don't have 'good cause' for non attendance”

For FOI 2018-15038 you asked:

“How many cases of sanctions been overturned when ESA JSA UC claimant has had 'good cause' not to attend interview”

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

The Department publishes quarterly Official Statistics on benefit sanction decisions for ESA, JSA, and UC. Information on these statistics can be found here:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/jobseekers-allowance-sanctions>

These statistics also contain sanction referral reason, sanctions appeals and outcomes and can be extracted from Stat-Xplore:

<https://stat-xplore.dwp.gov.uk/>

You will need to select the relevant Referral Reason by relevant Decision Outcome and relevant Decision Type.

Guidance on how to extract the information required from Stat-Xplore can be found at:

<https://sw.stat-xplore.dwp.gov.uk/webapi/online-help/Getting-Started.html>

If you have any difficulties extracting the relevant information please let us know.

Please note the data we hold will only show that ‘good cause’ was not shown at the time that the data is published. The claimant may in the future request a decision review, Mandatory Reconsideration or Appeal and the decision could be overturned due to good cause.

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

Yours sincerely,

DWP Central 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 <https://ico.org.uk/>