

DWP Central Freedom of Information Team

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Our Ref: VTR 1092

DATE: 29 March 2014

Dear Catherine Wilson,

Thank you for your Freedom of Information (Fol) request received on 7 March 2014. You asked:

*I would like some information on your schemes to get people back into work. In particular I believe you have a scheme whereby you pay JSA for a period of time whilst the person works for a company. In the event the company then takes the person on:*

- is there a guaranteed minimum number of hours the company must commit to in employing the person?*
- assuming there is, what are the minimum hours the company must commit to?*
- is there a minimum period the person must be employed for, ie six or twelve months?*
- is the company given a financial incentive to employ the person and if so how much? In the event disclosure of the actual figure falls within an exclusion I would be satisfied with just a yes/no answer.*

To put the format of this response into context I should explain a little about the Freedom of Information Act. The Act concerns the provision of recorded information held by public authorities such as DWP; the Act does not require that we create new information or generate answers to questions. Therefore, if a request is made in the form of a question, we provide the recorded information already held that answers the question.

Please find attached the recorded information which, in our view, provides answers to your questions; this is the Jobcentre Plus internal guidance for the following schemes:

Mandatory Work Activity  
sector-based work academies  
Wage Incentive  
work experience  
Work Trial

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

Yours sincerely,

DWP Central Fol Team

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If you are not happy with this response you may request an internal review by e-mailing [freedom-of-information-request@dwpgsi.gov.uk](mailto:freedom-of-information-request@dwpgsi.gov.uk) or by writing to DWP, Central Fol 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.org.uk/Global/contact\\_us](http://www.ico.org.uk/Global/contact_us) or telephone 0303 123 1113 or 01625 545745