

DWP Central Freedom of Information Team

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Our Ref: IR2019/37702

28 October 2019

Dear Simon Bailey,

Thank you for your Freedom of Information (Fol) internal review request received on 14 October. You asked:

This is the second time that I have asked for this information from the DWP, the first time was refused due to not having a full name on the request! And the second time the DWP Response was: "Following a search of our paper and electronic records, I have established that the information you requested is not held by this department."

Then to whom would have this information about the DWP procedures be held? I was not given or directed to. Hence I feel the need for an internal review of this situation. If the DWP required addition information such as: "In order for websites to be deemed 'suitable' what criteria would a job site need to meet by the dwp?" However, I believe that they have not answered the question. I look forward to your reply and maybe finally the DWP answering my request.

DWP Response:

In response to your request, I can confirm that the handling of your original request and response has now been appropriately reviewed by someone unconnected with the handling of your original request.

As a result of this review, the original response was correct, therefore your complaint is not upheld.

We do not hold a list of jobsites within the UK for 2019 as this information is subject to change depending on the locality. We do not hold a list of employment sites and neither do we have criteria to deem their suitability.

The following link provided useful information and confirms that we advise claimants to register with Find a Job:

<https://www.understandinguniversalcredit.gov.uk/already-claimed/if-you-have-an-online-account/>

Section 23(3) of the Welfare Reform Act 2012 provides that the Secretary of State, for the purpose of verifying a claimant's compliance with a work-related requirement, may require a claimant to

- a. Provide to the Secretary of State information and evidence specified by the Secretary of State in a manner so specified;
- b. Confirm compliance in a manner so specified.

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