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Our Ref: VTR 2676-3774

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Dear J Newman,

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request that was received by the Department for Work and Pensions (DWP) Adelphi on 12 December 2011 and forwarded for response by DWP Medical Services Contract Correspondence Team (MSCCT). I apologise for the delay in responding to this request.

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

*Dear Department for Work and Pensions,*

*Para 3.9 Diagnosis History in the LiMA Technical Manual states that "The first diagnosis in your Diagnosis List is already selected for you".*

*Where does it come from and on what evidence is it based?*

In accordance with Section 14(2) of the Freedom of Information Act, the Department is not obliged to comply with a subsequent identical or substantially similar request it has previously responded to. The letter of the MSCCT Freedom of Information Officer dated 5 January 2012 (FOI 3708) refers. I would also advise that the version of the Technical Manual you are referring to was issued to Healthcare Professionals (HCP) in 2004, and has been superseded.

However in the interests of good customer service I have established that the 'first diagnosis' in the 'Diagnosis list' refers to the list of diagnoses the HCP has entered into LiMA which relate to that claimant. This is described in section 3.8 of the same Technical Guide.

In terms of evidence that is used to populate the Diagnosis list, this may be taken from a variety of sources, including the claimant or their representative, what has been written in their ESA 50 questionnaire and or any evidence that is otherwise available to the HCP.

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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