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**DWP Website** 

Our Ref: IR2022/85105

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Dear Owen Stevens,

Thank you for your Freedom of Information (FoI) request received on 26th October. You wrote:

"I am writing to request an internal review of Department for Work and Pensions's handling of my FOI request 'Managed migration discovery phase - claims for UC in Bolton and Medway'.

DWP have committed to publishing information in the past on a variety of topics but it later transpired that the information was not published. For some examples see this letter: https://secure-

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I am happy to withdraw this review request in the event that the information is actually published.

A full history of my FOI request and all correspondence is available on the Internet at this address:

https://www.whatdotheyknow.com/request/managed migration discovery phas"

## **DWP Response**

In response to your internal review request, we 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 we are satisfied that the original response was handled properly and that the outcome of your original request was correct. Your complaint is therefore not upheld and the reason for this is as follows. Application of an exemption from disclosure under Section 22 of Fol Act was correctly applied, as this information is intended for publication at a future date.

It is recognised that there is a public interest in managed migrations to Universal Credit and that release of the information would provide greater transparency in this area. We have committed to publish this information after all the data is available for this cohort.

Once a publication timeline is confirmed, details will be published here: <a href="https://www.gov.uk/government/statistics/list-of-scheduled-upcoming-ad-hoc-statistical-releases/list-of-upcoming-ad-hoc-statistical-releases">https://www.gov.uk/government/statistics/list-of-scheduled-upcoming-ad-hoc-statistical-releases</a>

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

Yours sincerely,

DWP Central Freedom of Information Team Department for Work and Pensions

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## 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.

Website: ICO FOI and EIR complaints or telephone 0303 123 1113.