

DWP Central Freedom of Information Team

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Our Ref: VTR 5704

Date: 19 December 2013

Dear Jeff Smith

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request received 5 December 2013. You asked;

*I ask for the legal basis on which a jobseeker, taking part in the Post Work Programme Support Scheme, who is currently undertaking voluntary work of less than 30 hours a week, can be mandated to increase their voluntary work to 30 hours a week.*

There are schemes made under section 17A of the Jobseekers Act 1995, either under the Jobseeker's Allowance (Mandatory Work Activity Scheme) Regulations 2011 or the Jobseeker's Allowance (Schemes for Assisting Persons to Obtain Employment) Regulations 2013, whereby claimants may be mandated to participate in employment schemes which involve work placements of 30 hours a week. These work placements may be in the voluntary and community sector.

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.

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