DWP Central Freedom of Information Team

e-mail: freedom-of-information-request@dwp.gsi.gov.uk

Our Ref: VTR 1615

DATE 26 July 2013

Dear Sarah Tomkins,

With regard to your Freedom of Information request received on 01 April. You asked for:-

- 1. A list of companies and businesses in Peterborough, Cambs, that currently work with Peterborough Job Centre Plus with the Mandatory Work Activity Programme. The list required is with regards to work placements that take on Mandatory Work Activity volunteers/benefit claimants.
- A breakdown of any financial remuneration to the above companies/businesses made on behalf of the Department of Work and Pensions for the period of 01/04/2012 to 31/03/2013.
 A breakdown of the number of people on Mandatory Work Activity Programme placed at each company/business.

I am writing to advise you that the time limit for responding to your request for information which was received on 01 April needs to be extended for a further 20 days.

It is occasionally necessary to extend the 20 working day time limit for issuing a response. In the case of your request, I need to extend the time limit because the information requested must be considered under one of the exemptions to which the public interest test applies. This extra time is needed in order to make a determination as to the public interest. Unfortunately following the letter sent out on 28 June, it is taking longer than anticipated to make a determination as to the public interest, and a further extension is necessary.

Accordingly, I hope to let you have a response by 23 August.

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

Yours sincerely,

DWP Central Fol Team

Your right to complain under the Freedom of Information Act

If you are not happy with this response you may request an internal review by e-mailing <u>freedom-of-information-request@dwp.gsi.gov.uk</u> 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.gov.uk