

To Mr Reynolds
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16 May 2013

Dear Mr Reynolds

Freedom of Information Act - Request for Internal Review

Our Reference: IR 416

Thank you for your email dated 11 May 2013 requesting a review of the Department for Work and Pensions (DWP) response dated 10 May 2013.

As the (Fol) Internal Reviewing Officer, I have read your letter and accepted this as a request for an Internal Review of Fol reference 1763 dated 10 May 2013.

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

'I am writing to request an internal review of Department for Work and Pensions's handling of my FOI request 'Neurological and Musculoskeletal training'.

As you have tried to bunch my questions together and given no information to what i asked, i am asking for an internal review.

With regard to number one, please state the accreditation achieved?

With regard to number two, please list the organisations that recognise the HCPs accreditation?'

Please be assured that your request has been given our full consideration and that all aspects of your review were taken fully into account.

The review was conducted by an independent official of the Department, of the relevant grade and authority to carry out such requests. The case has been examined afresh, and guidance has been sought from domain experts to ensure all factors were taken fully into account.

After consideration the internal review has determined that the response to Q1 in which you asked for the level of qualification attained by a nurse Healthcare Professional (HCP), explained that the Nurses are Registered General Nurses who have undergone Atos

Healthcare training in disability analysis for the assessment of benefit, it progressed to describe the training that they receive.

With regard to Q2, all Atos Healthcare HCPs are qualified and registered with their respective medical bodies, the General Medical Council, Nursing and Midwifery Council or Health and Care Professions Council. The Chief Medical Advisor approves the disability analysis training course delivered by Atos Healthcare and there is no statutory requirement for another organisation to recognise or endorse the disability analysis training for the assessment of benefit.

In reviewing your request I uphold the decision of the Freedom of Information Officer in part and have added information where appropriate. I am therefore satisfied now that all the information that DWP are able to supply to you has been supplied.

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

Yours sincerely,

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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 www.ico.gov.uk