

DWP Central Freedom of Information Team

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Our Ref: FOI2019/35434

11 October 2019

Dear John Smith,

Thank you for your Freedom of Information (Fol) request received on 26 September 2019. You asked:

- 1. Please can you tell me how many job vacancies were advertised for the role of "Data Protection Officer" since May 2018, in the Retford and Worksop Job centres*
- 2. Please can you tell me the average time it has taken someone in Retford/Worksop on Jobseekers/Universal Credit - as unemployed, who was formerly a Data Protection Officer/Data Protection Manager to find a role, or to come off from Universal Credit/Jobseekers in 2018/2019*

**DWP Response:**

It may be helpful if I explain the role of the Freedom of Information Act. The Act provides a right of access to recorded information held by a public authority like DWP (subject to certain exemptions). As such, the Act does not require a public authority to create new information in order to answer questions.

1. No job vacancies have been advertised for the role of Data Protection Officer since May 2018 in the Retford and Worksop Jobcentres. This is because the DWP recruit by grade and not function.
2. This information is not recorded.

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

Yours sincerely,

DWP Central Fol Team

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**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 [freedom-of-information-request@dwp.gov.uk](mailto:freedom-of-information-request@dwp.gov.uk) or by writing to DWP, Central FoI 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  
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