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DWP Central Freedom of Information Team

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Our Ref: FOI 2368

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Dear Mr Goodall,

Thank you for your Freedom of Information (FOI) request which we received on 15 May 2018.

**You asked:**

*'I would like to know the amount of claimants seen by the provider of health assessments for pip and a break down of monthly costs, ie amount of people seen per month in the blackpool area and payments made to whoever carries out these assessments in blackpool.*

*please can you supply the registered details of the CEO of these companies dealing with the assessments as well as the yearly income.'*

**DWP response:**

I can confirm that we hold information falling within the description specified in your request. However, we estimate that the cost of complying with your request would exceed the appropriate limit for central Government, set by regulations at £600. This represents the estimated cost of one person spending 3½ working days in determining whether the Department for Work and Pensions (DWP) holds the information, and locating, retrieving and extracting it.

Under Section 12 of the FOI Act the DWP is not obliged to comply with your request and we will not be processing it further.

Under section 16 of the Act we should assist you in helping you to redefine your request so that it may fall beneath the cost limit.

The number of claimants seen by the provider is not collated for Blackpool only and to extract the information for Blackpool alone would exceed the cost limit as explained above. You might wish to re-submit your request for Blackpool and Preston, as this is how the information is collated and could be obtained within the cost limit, however, we cannot guarantee that any revised request will fall within the cost limit.

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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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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