

DWP Central Freedom of Information Team

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

Our Ref: FOI2020/38380

03 August 2020

Dear Ruairi Hipkin,

Thank you for your Freedom of Information (Fol) request received on 20 July. You asked:

I am interested to know (a) how many claims for Personal Independence Payment (hereafter PIP) you receive annually and (b) how many of these applications are refused at first instance (that is, on first consideration by a decision maker)

DWP Response:

I can confirm that the Department holds this information.

Section 21 of the Freedom of Information Act allows us to direct you to information which is already reasonably accessible to you. I would like to refer you to the detailed statistics for Personal Independence Payment (PIP) that can be found in Stat-Xplore: <https://stat-xplore.dwp.gov.uk/>. Please note that we are interpreting your question regarding applications refused at first instance to mean any disallowances at initial decision and not decisions made after a Mandatory Reconsideration or an Appeal.

These statistics provide a breakdown of the number of PIP claims registered for both New Claims and Disability Living Allowance (DLA) reassessment claims for each month from the introduction of PIP in April 2013 – April 2020, the latest available data.

Statistics on the number of claims (i.e. applications) cleared by type (e.g. awarded, disallowed or withdrawn) can be found in the PIP clearances table. This can be broken down by month from when PIP was introduced, in April 2013, to April 2020, the latest available data.

Guidance on how to use Stat-Xplore can be found here: <https://stat-xplore.dwp.gov.uk/webapi/online-help/index.html>.

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 freedom-of-information-request@dpw.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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