

DWP Central Freedom of Information Team

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

Our Ref: FOI2019/39181

11 November 2019

Dear Frank Zola,

Thank you for your Freedom of Information (Fol) request received on 24 October. You asked:

Please disclose the management info or statistics you hold concerning how many times since May 23rd 1st 2018 to date, each individual named UK Police force/Constabulary listed on <https://www.police.uk/forces/> made a request to your National Disclosure Unit for DWP held personal data and information under Schedule 2, Part 1, Para 2(1) of the Data Protection Act 2018

*The time frame for my request is:
May 23rd 2018 to date*

DWP Response:

I can confirm that the Department for Work and Pensions (DWP) does hold the information you requested.

If, during the course of a Police investigation there is a suggestion of a DWP related offence, an established gateway is in place for all Police Forces across England, Scotland and Wales to refer this information to DWP.

The information sharing arrangement is a two-way process and DWP's National Disclosure Unit (NDU) handles all requests to disclose information to Police Forces and other law enforcement agencies. This service is provided under the Data Protection Act 2018, Schedule 2, Part 1, Para 2(1) for the purposes of preventing and detecting crime.

Please find attached **Annex 1** which details the number of requests made by Police forces to NDU for the period 23 May 2018 to 4 November 2019. *For ease these figures have been rounded to the nearest 10.*

If you have any queries about this letter, please contact us 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
Web: ico.org.uk/Global/contact_us or telephone 0303 123 1113 or 01625 545745