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Dear Mike Robinson,

Thank you for your Freedom of Information (Fol) request received on 9 January. You wrote:

“In 2019, 2020 and 2021 you very kindly provided me with information regarding PIP claimants at 30th April for these years who had psychiatric disorders as their main disabling condition and their scores in the ninth daily living activity “Engaging with other people face to face” (e.g. FOI2020 23763)

In order to provide a baseline for the increase in the award of the descriptors in this area it would be extremely helpful if you could also provide me similar statistics for years 2018 and 2017. If this does not prove to be too costly an exercise in time taken it would also be helpful if the same statistics could also be provided for 2015.

Consequently, I request:

Details of the numbers of clients on the Personal Independence Payment caseload with recognised psychiatric disorders who were awarded descriptors 9b, 9c or 9d as of 30th April 2017, 2018 and (if possible 2015) plus the numbers who were not awarded a descriptor under activity area 9 (i.e. awarded 9a). Please break this down by the numbers satisfying the individual descriptors (i.e. 9b, 9c and 9d separately)

Please also breakdown the information by the standard second-tier reporting criteria

i.e. Personality disorder, Specific learning disorder, Stress reactions, Anxiety disorders, Obsessive-compulsive disorder, Mixed anxiety and depressive disorders, Somatoform and dissociative disorders, Mood disorders, Psychotic disorders, Cognitive disorders, Eating disorders, Substance (mis)use disorders, Factitious disorder, global Learning disability, Autistic spectrum disorders, Hyperkinetic disorder, Conduct disorder (including oppositional defiant disorder), Enuresis, Faecal soiling (encopresis), Other psychiatric disorders of childhood)”

DWP Response

I can confirm that we hold the recorded information to respond to your request.

The tables below show the breakdown of point scores in the “Engaging with other people face to face” daily living activity for Personal Independence Payment (PIP) claims in entitlement as of 30th April 2015, 30th April 2017, and 30th April 2018. This data is broken down by Disability Subgroup for claimants with a main disability category of “Psychiatric Disorders”.

Table (a) – PIP claims in entitlement as of 30th April 2015, with psychiatric disorders as their main disabling condition and their scores in the ninth daily living activity “Engaging with other people face to face”.

Score in the ninth daily living activity – “Engaging with other people face to face”						
Disability Subgroup	Missing	A	B	C	D	Total
Anxiety disorders	0	1,190	5,020	2,440	560	9,210
Autistic spectrum disorders	0	600	4,510	5,360	640	11,110
Cognitive disorders	0	730	1,200	1,460	140	3,530
Conduct disorder (including oppositional defiant disorder)	0	20	50	70	20	160
Eating disorders	0	210	810	150	10	1,180
Enuresis	0	0	10	10	0	10
Factitious disorder	0	0	0	0	0	10
Faecal soiling (encopresis)	0	0	0	0	0	0
Hyperkinetic disorder	0	770	2,770	1,850	320	5,710
Learning disability global	0	1,560	3,040	4,160	360	9,130
Mixed anxiety and depressive disorders	10	4,590	26,380	5,740	860	37,580
Mood disorders	10	5,680	20,300	4,520	770	31,280
Obsessive compulsive disorder	0	260	1,010	350	90	1,700
Other psychiatric disorders of childhood	0	30	120	110	20	280
Personality disorder	0	470	3,520	1,420	500	5,910
Psychotic disorders	0	920	8,300	4,500	950	14,670
Somatoform and dissociative disorders	0	40	120	70	20	240
Specific learning disorder	0	750	1,070	750	70	2,630
Stress reactions	0	470	3,140	1,150	270	5,030
Substance (mis) use disorders	0	1,200	2,270	480	100	4,050
Total	30	19,480	83,640	34,570	5,700	143,430

Table (b) – PIP claims in entitlement as of 30th April 2017, with psychiatric disorders as their main disabling condition and their scores in the ninth daily living activity “Engaging with other people face to face”.

Score in the ninth daily living activity – “Engaging with other people face to face”						
Disability Subgroup	Missing	A	B	C	D	Total
Anxiety disorders	0	1,920	12,440	4,170	1,020	19,550
Autistic spectrum disorders	0	1,740	16,480	29,190	2,070	49,480
Cognitive disorders	0	3,110	3,880	8,320	430	15,740
Conduct disorder (including oppositional defiant disorder)	0	20	120	170	60	370
Eating disorders	0	520	2,000	280	20	2,820
Enuresis	0	0	10	10	0	10
Factitious disorder	0	0	10	10	0	30
Faecal soiling (encopresis)	0	10	10	0	0	10
Hyperkinetic disorder	0	1,880	9,430	6,220	730	18,260
Learning disability global	10	5,050	11,420	53,210	2,450	72,140
Mixed anxiety and depressive disorders	10	9,540	88,480	12,660	1,660	112,360
Mood disorders	10	8,380	45,950	8,140	1,070	63,540
Obsessive compulsive disorder	0	420	2,770	790	150	4,130
Other psychiatric disorders of childhood	0	20	160	150	30	360
Personality disorder	0	840	12,540	3,820	930	18,130
Psychotic disorders	10	2,350	36,590	16,350	2,220	57,510
Somatoform and dissociative disorders	0	120	330	170	30	660
Specific learning disorder	0	2,650	4,180	7,000	320	14,140
Stress reactions	0	1,000	10,380	2,630	510	14,510
Substance (mis) use disorders	0	2,380	5,880	970	120	9,350
Total	50	41,940	263,040	154,260	13,820	473,110

Table (c) – PIP claims in entitlement as of 30th April 2018, with psychiatric disorders as their main disabling condition and their scores in the ninth daily living activity “Engaging with other people face to face”.

Score in the ninth daily living activity – “Engaging with other people face to face”						
Disability Subgroup	Missing	A	B	C	D	Total
Anxiety disorders	0	1,980	15,340	4,510	1,300	23,130
Autistic spectrum disorders	0	1,870	20,410	42,080	2,870	67,230
Cognitive disorders	0	3,840	4,330	12,080	500	20,750
Conduct disorder (including oppositional defiant disorder)	0	20	150	210	70	450
Eating disorders	0	540	2,560	310	30	3,430
Enuresis	0	0	10	10	0	10
Factitious disorder	0	0	10	10	0	20
Faecal soiling (encopresis)	0	10	10	0	0	20
Hyperkinetic disorder	0	1,850	11,100	8,080	890	21,920
Learning disability global	10	5,970	13,280	82,720	3,640	105,630
Mixed anxiety and depressive disorders	10	10,800	122,250	14,570	2,150	149,780
Mood disorders	0	8,390	56,420	9,210	1,190	75,220
Obsessive compulsive disorder	0	430	3,590	930	190	5,150
Other psychiatric disorders of childhood	0	30	160	170	40	400
Personality disorder	0	850	17,550	4,740	1,220	24,360
Psychotic disorders	0	2,660	50,440	22,590	3,140	78,830
Somatoform and dissociative disorders	0	140	460	200	40	850
Specific learning disorder	0	3,310	5,100	10,880	430	19,720
Stress reactions	0	1,100	14,550	3,000	650	19,300
Substance (mis) use disorders	0	2,430	7,330	1,150	140	11,050
Total	30	46,230	345,050	217,450	18,490	627,240

Source: PIP ADS

Notes

- Data shows the point scores awarded by the DWP case manager following the claimant’s most recent assessment at the specified date. Point scores may be subsequently revised at mandatory reconsideration or appeal. Point scores may also change when a claimant undergoes an award review or reports a change of circumstances.
- Data is based on primary disabling condition as recorded on the PIP computer systems. Claimants may often have multiple disabling conditions upon which the decision is based but only the primary condition is shown in these statistics.
- Data includes claimants who made new claims to PIP and claimants who underwent Disability Living Allowance (DLA) reassessment to PIP.
- Data includes normal rules and special rules for the terminally ill claimants.
- This is unpublished data from the PIP computer system’s management information and has not been quality assured to National Statistics or Official Statistics publication standard. It should be used with caution and it may be subject to future revision.
- Figures are rounded to the nearest 10.
- Data is for Great Britain.

- Components may not sum to totals due to rounding.

Daily Living Activity 9. “Engaging with other people face to face”

- A:** Can engage with other people unaided. (0 points)
- B:** Needs prompting to be able to engage with other people. (2 points)
- C:** Needs social support to be able to engage with other people. (4 points)
- D:** Cannot engage with other people due to such engagement causing either:
 - (i) overwhelming psychological distress to the claimant; or
 - (ii) the claimant to exhibit behaviour which would result in a substantial risk of harm to the claimant or another person. (8 points)

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

Yours sincerely,

DWP Central Freedom of Information Team
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