

To Mr J Newman
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DWP Central Freedom of Information Team

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Our Ref: VTR2902-IR80

DATE 13th March 2012

Dear Mr Newman,

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request dated 14 February 2012 that was received by the Department for Work and Pensions (DWP) Adelphi and forwarded for response by DWP Medical Services Contracts Correspondence Team (MSCCT) Internal Reviewing Officer. In your email you asked to be provided with information answering the following questions:-

Dear DWP Adelphi Freedom-of-Information-Request,

thank you and all very interesting, but you have not exactly answered my question - yes or no?

As Reviewing Officer, I have read your letter and accepted this as a request for an Internal Review in order that I can check that the information sent to you clearly and accurately answered your request. I have therefore conducted a full investigation into your original request and the information supplied to you. I have also reviewed any decisions to withhold information and in doing so I have fully considered the public interest in disclosure.

In reviewing your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 I am writing to advise you that I have decided to disclose further information.

Atos Healthcare Professionals (HCPs) are trained to carry out medical assessments. All cases are reviewed by a HCP at the filework stage and allocation to a specific type of HCP can be made at this time, if deemed necessary - for example, cases involving complex neurological assessment will be allocated to a doctor.

I am satisfied that all the information that DWP are able to supply to you has been supplied. 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 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 www.ico.gov.uk