

DWP Central Freedom of Information Team

e-mail: freedom-of-information-request@dwpgov.uk

Our Ref: FOI2019/18257

21 May 2019

Dear Barbara Sunley,

Thank you for your Freedom of Information (Fol) request received on 13 May. You asked:

Can a claimant be sanctioned for refusing to take employment on the grounds of an objection to working with the opposite sex .If there are exceptions could you explain the exact circumstances

DWP Response:

There is no recorded information which addresses the specific issue you have raised.

In order to be helpful and outside of our obligations under the FOI Act, I can provide the following explanation.

A claimant can be sanctioned for refusing to take any suitable employment unless they can demonstrate to a decision maker that they have a good reason for their refusal.

This also answers your similar FOI request reference 18254.

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@dwpgov.uk or by writing to DWP, Central Fol 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