

Dear Shaun Moore,

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request received on 23 May 2019. You asked:

As requested, please can you advise how many people in West Sussex County Council area received the descriptor criteria outlined in the question in their first assessment (before Mandatory Reconsideration, Appeal, Award Review or Change of Circumstance). The most recent complete years worth of data would be ideal, or any date range you are able to provide which falls in the 3 1/2 days of work exception.

This was a follow-up to FOI2019/18274 received by us on 16/05/2019 to which we responded with a Section 12 cost response:

"Please may you provide an extract or the estimated number of residents in West Sussex that are in receipt of the Personal Independence Payment and have scored 10 points in the Planning a journey category."

DWP Response

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

There were 440 Personal Independence Payment (PIP) claimants who received 10 points for the mobility Activity "Planning and Following Journeys" in the West Sussex County Council area in their initial PIP decision between February 2018 and January 2019, the latest 12-month period for which data is available.

Source: PIP ADS

Notes

1. Data shows the point scores awarded by the DWP case manager at initial decision. Point scores may be subsequently revised at mandatory reconsideration or appeal.
2. Data includes claimants making new claims to PIP and those undergoing Disability Living Allowance (DLA) reassessment to PIP. It excludes claimants undergoing an award review.
3. Data includes claimants who scored points on Activity 11: *Planning and Following Journeys* under Descriptor D, "Cannot follow the route of an unfamiliar journey without another person, assistance dog or orientation aid" and Descriptor E, "Cannot undertake any journey because it would cause overwhelming psychological distress to the claimant".
4. Data includes normal rules and special rules for the terminally ill claimants.
5. Data excludes claimants who were disallowed for failing to attend their assessment.
6. This is unpublished data from the PIP computer system's management information. It should be used with caution and it may be subject to future revision.
7. Figures are rounded to the nearest 10.

8. Point scores data includes claims where the initial decision took place between 1st February 2018 to 31st January 2019.
9. Data covers claimants in the following District Councils under West Sussex County Council, Adur, Arun, Chichester, Crawley, Horsham, Mid Sussex and Worthing.

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

Yours sincerely,

DWP Central FoI 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@dwp.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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