

DWP Central Freedom of Information Team

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

Our Ref: FOI2020/11647 & 11702

30 March 2020

Dear Amanda Hart,

Thank you for your Freedom of Information (Fol) requests 11647 and 11702 both received on 10 March. You asked:

If they exist, please provide ALL documents which show the DWP expects its contractors to produce accurate 'fitness to work' reports and 'healthcare' assessments subject to the parameters below:

Period: 2015 to most recent available

Location: UK wide

Include: Relevant portions of contracts, Investigations, Quality assessments, Standards, Records of action taken place following court judges finding mistakes and false statements work capability assessments and healthcare reports.

Output: document dump in easiest format for you

DWP Response:

As both of these requests are almost identical, I have combined both within this one response.

I can confirm that we hold information falling within the description specified in your request. However, we have estimated that the cost of meeting your request would exceed the cost limit of £600 specified in the Fol and Data Protection (Appropriate Limit and Fees) Regulations 2004. This represents the estimated cost of one person spending 3½ working days (equivalent to 24 staff-hours) in determining whether the department holds the information, and locating, retrieving and extracting it.

Under section 12 of the Fol Act the department is not, therefore, obliged to comply with your request and we will not be processing this request further. However, under section 16 of the Act we should help you narrow any future request so that it may fall beneath the cost limit, and on that basis I hope the following is helpful:

- the time period you have chosen is too wide and you should consider a shorter time Frame
- you have asked for ALL documents, this again is too broad and you choosing more specific documents would reduce the volume.

We will consider afresh any revised request, however, we cannot guarantee that any revised request will fall within the cost limit.

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@dw.gov.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
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