

DWP Central Freedom of Information Team

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

Our Ref: Fol 4771

DATE: 20 January 2017

Dear Mr Laws,

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request received on 14 December 2016. You asked

The government's response to the UN inquiry into the UK which found that disabled people's Human rights were being gravely and systematically violated states that "the Government has accepted all recommendations made by an independent task force (which included charities, educators and employers) on apprenticeships for young people with learning disabilities."

1. *Who were the charities, educators and employers involved in this?*
2. *Why were disabled people not involved in the decision making process?*

A link to members of the taskforce was published here:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/apprenticeships-improving-access-for-people-with-learning-disabilities/paul-maynard-taskforce-recommendations#annex-a--membership-of-the-taskforce>

Individual members were not asked to disclose whether or not they had a disability.

During the taskforce, evidence was gathered from disabled people and relevant organisations which influenced the course of this work and the recommendations made.

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

Yours sincerely,

DWP Strategy 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@dwpgsi.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.

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