

Your Reference:

Our Ref: Fol 3516

Date: 23 November 2016

Dear D Moore,

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request of 23 September. You asked:

“1. Please disclose the name of each workfare scheme in which the National Trust participated.

2. Please disclose the number of individuals who have participated in each scheme.

3. Please disclose whether each scheme is still operating or not.”

In part of your previous request (FOI 2804) you asked for similar information:

“3. I would like to know the number of benefit claimants who have been sent to each National Trust property and location for Mandatory Work Activity.

4. I would like to know the number of benefit claimants accepted by the National Trust to date who have participated in:

- a. The Work Programme;*
- b. Community Work Placements; and*
- c. Other DWP work-related schemes.”*

We explained in our response to FOI 2804 that your request was very broad and we were unable to meet your request under Section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act. This request for similar but not identical information is also very broad. Some of the schemes this request would cover have been running since 2011. We have many schemes that involve work experience placements to help claimants gain the skills and experience they need to get into employment, and we have many different providers that source the placements on each scheme. We estimate that the cost of complying with your request would exceed the appropriate limit for central Government, set by regulations at £600. This represents the estimated cost of one person spending 3½ working days in determining whether the Department holds the information, and locating, retrieving and extracting it. This is because you have asked for specific information about all schemes, with no time limit.

Under section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act the Department is not therefore obliged to comply with your request and we will not be processing it further.

You might like to narrow your request.

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 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.

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