

DWP Central Freedom of Information Team

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

Our Ref: Fol 3641

20th December 2016

Dear D Moore,

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request.

On **23 September 2016** 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.*

On **23 November 2016** you narrowed your request:

I wish to narrow my request. Please provide the information I have requested from 2011 up to the business year 2015/16 only.

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

We do not recognise the term 'workfare' in relation to our schemes. All of the department's employment programmes are supportive initiatives, designed to help unemployed people gain skills and help them into paid employment.

Our schemes that offer work placements are designed to support those claimants whom Jobcentre Plus advisors consider would benefit from gaining valuable work related disciplines and work experience because this will help them move closer to the labour market and secure paid employment.

The information you require is held by 70 different providers, including MWA and CWP providers as well as WP providers and individual Jobcentre Plus offices. This volume of data would need to be located and then collated.

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, over a period of 5 years.

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