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Dear Mike Robinson,

Thank you for your Freedom of Information (Fol) request received on 15 May. You wrote:

“In 2009 and 2020 you very kindly provided me with information regarding PIP claimants at 30th April 2019 with psychiatric disorders as their main disabling condition and their scores in the ninth daily living activity “Engaging with other people face to face” (Ref: FOI2019/27062 and FOI2020/23763).

In order to examine trends in this descriptor, I would be grateful if you could repeat the exercise in respect of PIP claimants as of 30th April 2021.

Consequently, I request:

Details of the numbers of clients on the Personal Independence Payment caseload with recognised psychiatric disorders who were awarded descriptors 9b, 9c or 9d as of 30th April 2021 plus the numbers who were not awarded a descriptor under activity area 9 (i.e. awarded 9a). Please break this down by the numbers satisfying the individual descriptors (i.e. 9b, 9c and 9d separately)

Please also breakdown the information by the standard second-tier reporting criteria

i.e. Personality disorder, Specific learning disorder, Stress reactions, Anxiety disorders, Obsessive-compulsive disorder, Mixed anxiety and depressive disorders, Somatoform and dissociative disorders, Mood disorders, Psychotic disorders, Cognitive disorders, Eating disorders, Substance (mis) use disorders, Factitious disorder, global Learning disability, Autistic spectrum disorders, Hyperkinetic disorder, Conduct disorder (including oppositional defiant disorder), Enuresis, Faecal soiling (encopresis), Other psychiatric disorders of childhood)”

## **DWP Response**

We can confirm that we hold information falling within the description specified in your request. However, Section 22 of the Freedom of Information Act exempts this information from disclosure. This is because the information is intended for publication at a future date.

This exemption requires the public interest for and against disclosure to be weighed in the balance. There is a public interest in information being released as soon as possible.

However, I am satisfied that there is a strong public interest in permitting public authorities to publish information in a manner and form and at a time of their own choosing. It is a part of the effective conduct of public affairs that the general publication of information is a conveniently planned and managed activity within the reasonable control of public authorities. I am satisfied that in this instance the Department has a reasonable entitlement to make its own arrangements to do so.

Statistics on Personal Independence Payment (PIP) up to the end of April 2021 are due to be published on 15 June 2021 here: <https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/personal-independence-payment-statistics>, with detailed accompanying tables then available on Stat-Xplore here: <https://stat-xplore.dwp.gov.uk/>. At present, PIP statistics have been published up to the end of January 2021. Guidance on how to use Stat-Xplore can be found here: <https://stat-xplore.dwp.gov.uk/webapi/online-help/index.html>.

Once the above statistics have been made publically available up to the end of April 2021, we would be able to provide further breakdowns of the published caseload following the description in your request. We therefore suggest that you resubmit your request in its current form on or after 15 June 2021.

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

Yours sincerely,

DWP Central Freedom of Information Team  
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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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