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Dear Mark McCaree,

Thank you for your Freedom of Information (Fol) request received on 4 December. You wrote:

“In one of the DWP publications entitled “Move to UC statistics” (14 Nov 2023) it states that “The department has recently commenced small-scale testing of the approach for tax credit couple claims and plans to bring couples into scope in greater numbers from the autumn of 2023.”

Can you please provide me with the following information related to UC managed migration:

1. How many migration notices were sent to tax credits-only couples for August, September, October, November and December?
2. How many of these couples also had children on their claim?
3. How many of these couples with children also had at least one child (or adult) who was in recipient of disability benefits such as DLA.”

DWP Response

We confirm that we do hold some of the information you have requested.

For August 2023 there were 0 Migration Notices sent to Tax Credit only couple claims.

For statistics related for September 2023 to December 2023, we are engaging an exemption from disclosure under Section 22 of Fol Act as the information is intended for publication at a future date, after all the data is available for this cohort.

As required by the Fol Act the use of this qualified exemption requires the public interest for and against disclosure to be assessed.

We recognise that there is a public interest in managed migrations to Universal Credit and that release of the information would provide greater transparency in this area.

However, the Department intends to publish this information in a manner and form and at a time of their own choosing.

On balance DWP is satisfied that in this instance the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosure. Therefore, the information you seek will not be released at this time.

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

Yours sincerely,

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