Department for Work and Pensions (DWP) Central Freedom of Information Team

Our reference: VTR 2397

Date: 17 June 2015

Dear FTR Group

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request received on 12 June 2015. You asked:-

- 1. Have all staff at the Hanley Benefits Centre Wolverhampton received training on the UNCRPD?
- 2. Please provide Statistics on how many disabled people currently have their benefits suspended?
- 3. What are the reasons for Sanctions?
- 4. Are the Sanctions compatible with the UNCRPD

On this occasion the Department will not be processing your response further because your request does not comply with Section 8(1) (b) of the FOI Act. This means that to comply with your request the department requires that you give your real name or that of an identifiable group. The Information Commissioner (ICO) has issued guidance for public authorities on this topic. The ICO considers that "the name of the applicant refers to the real name of the applicant. You can see the guidance issued by the ICO here:

http://ico.org.uk/for_organisations/guidance_index/~/media/documents/library/ Freedom_of_Information/Research_and_reports/recognising-a-request-madeunder-the-foia.pdf

We have been unable to find any specific information about the nature, purpose or identity of your group, can you please reveal more details of your organisation in order that we can establish if this is a lawful request under section 8 of the Fol Act.

If you would like to submit your request again using a name that satisfies the above requirement DWP will be pleased to consider it.

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

Yours sincerely,

DWP Central 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@dwp.gsi.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.org.uk/Global/contact_us or telephone 0303 123 1113 or 01625 545745