

DWP Central Freedom of Information Team
e-mail: freedom-of-information-request@dwp.gsi.gov.uk

Our Ref: Fol 2440

Date: 13 June 2018

Dear Mr Bard,

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request received on 20 May 2018.
You asked for:-

In your response to the FOI request - Medical Evidence data protections [1] you state - " If further medical evidence is required in order to make a decision at this stage, a request is made to the claimant's GP asking for relevant information in relation to the health issues stated on the application. "

Please link to the guidance which the Decision Maker will use in order to determine "If further medical evidence is required in order to make a decision at this stage"

[1]

https://www.whatdotheyknow.com/request/medical_evidence_data_protection

DWP Response

I can confirm that the Department holds this information. However, the information is exempt under Section 21 of the Freedom of Information Act because the information is reasonably accessible to you, as it is already in the public domain.

However, to be helpful you can find the information you seek at

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/658287/dmgch42.pdf

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

Yours,

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 FoI 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