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Our Ref: 2797-IR29

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Dear Mr Newman,

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request dated 18 January 2012 that was received by the Department for Work and Pensions (DWP) Adelphi and forwarded for response by DWP Medical Services Contracts Correspondence Team (MSCCT) Freedom of Information Officer. In your email you asked to be provided with information answering the following questions:-

*I am writing to request an internal review of Department for Work and Pensions's handling of my FOI request 'WCA Handbook - authentication'.*

*My note of 22/12/11 is still outstanding. It was part of the original question from 17/11/11 not answered in VTR3463, so is now well overdue.*

The request that you refer to, dated 22 December 2011 asked:

*You have not addressed part of my original question namely ". . . have they all approved the final version of the report unreservedly?"*

*The fact that they were consulted does not mean they agreed with the final report.*

As Reviewing Officer, I have read your letter and accepted this as a request for an Internal Review in order that I can check that the information sent to you clearly and accurately answered your request. I have therefore conducted a full investigation into your original request and the information supplied to you. I have also reviewed any decisions to withhold information and in doing so I have fully considered the public interest in disclosure.

Having reviewed your case I note that you received a response to the above question on 06 February 2012 (FOI 2721-IR334). You were advised that the Department led review into the Work Capability Assessment engaged with medical experts, stakeholders and employers in expert case analysis and group descriptor analysis, providing an opportunity for them to contribute to the report. You were also advised that as Freedom of Information (Fol) is about supplying recorded information held by the Department rather than explaining things or confirming whether your assumptions are correct or not, these questions are not valid Fol requests.

I therefore find that the original response dated 06 February 2011 (FOI2721-IR334) was correct and that all the information that DWP are able to supply to you has been supplied.

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

Yours sincerely,

DWP Central Fol Team

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**Your right to complain under the Freedom of Information Act**

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](http://www.ico.gov.uk)