

DWP Central Freedom of Information Team

e-mail: freedom-of-information-rexxxxx@xxx.xxx.xx

Our Ref:Fol 984

19 March 2012

Dear xxxxxxxxx,

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request received on 3 March 2012. You asked for:-

Please supply the public, via this website, with a list of and copy of any communications / documents from the DWP to a patient's GP, and from a GP to the DWP, arising from a patient's claim of disability or sickness benefit - at any stage from initial claim to appeal and afterwards.

Unfortunately I am unable to proceed with your request without clarification of the information you wish to receive since it is currently too broad in nature and will need to be refined to ensure that it does not exceed the disproportionate cost limits. This is set at £600 for central government departments and represents 3.5 working days. I should be grateful if you could narrow down your request so that we can supply the information within cost.

I am also unable to provide you with information relating to appeals as DWP does not hold it. Information regarding appeals is the responsibility of HM Courts & Tribunals Service part of the Ministry of Justice. You should contact them directly for the information and their contact details are:

Data Access and Compliance Unit.
Postal Point 6.25, Floor 6
102 Petty France
London
SW1H 9AJ

Please note that if I do not receive appropriate clarification of your information requirements within three months from the date of this letter, then I will consider your request closed.

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@dwpgsi.gov.uk or by writing to DWP, Central Fol Team, 2nd Floor The Adelphi, 1-11, John Adam Street, London WC2N 6HT. 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.gov.uk