

To Mr J Newman
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Dear Mr Newman

I am responding to your communication dated the 07th February 2012 in relation to the statement:

Dear DWP Adelphi Freedom-of-Information-Request,

Not a reply, more a closing comment for anyone who comes across this.

As the ESA decision and FFW decision are inextricably linked, DWP cannot assume responsibility for the former and DENY responsibility for the latter. By the same token, if they deny responsibility for the latter they do not have responsibility for the former, which by default can only rest with Atos (nobody else is involved) - so in effect we would have a private company dictating benefit payments; not something that DWP could acknowledge.

The attempt here to play with words and craft sentences to paint an alternative, logically sound and acceptable scenario does not stand up.

Yours sincerely,

J Newman

You have submitted this as a statement of your opinion and as such have not raised any new issues. Therefore as we consider that the Department has already answered your question, there is nothing further we can usefully add and now consider this matter closed. The Department will not enter into any further correspondence on this matter.

Yours sincerely,

DWP Medical Services Contracts Correspondence 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-xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx@xxx.xxx.xxx.xx or by writing to DWP, Central FoI Team, 5th 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.

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