

DWP Central Freedom of Information Team

e-mail: freedom-of-information-request@dwp.gov.uk

Our Ref: FOI2019/40484

04 December 2019

Dear Richard Lewis,

Thank you for your Freedom of Information (FOI) requests received on 5 November.

You asked:

For the years ending 31.12.17 and 31.12.18, or the two most recent years for which a full data set is available, please provide the following information:

The total number of Work Capability Assessments conducted at 1 Atlantic Quay, Broomielaw, Glasgow, G2 8JB; and the number and percentage of assessments that produced an award of 0 points to these claimants undergoing a WCA.

DWP response:

I can confirm that the Department for Work and Pensions (DWP) holds information falling within the description specified in the requests.

The most recent two years that information is held is for the years ending October 2018 and October 2019.

Please find below information as requested.

Assessment Centre	Nov 17 to Oct 18			Nov 18 to Oct 19		
	Total Assessments	Volume of 0 scores	%	Total Assessments	Volume of 0 scores	%
Glasgow	50,830	14,380	28%	50,010	12,940	26%

Please note that figures are rounded to the nearest 10.

It may be helpful to explain that benefit entitlement is determined by DWP decision makers (DM), not the assessment provider healthcare professionals (HCPs). In order to make a decision on benefit entitlement the DM considers all of the available evidence, not just the reports received from the HCP.

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

Yours sincerely,

DWP Central FOI 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@dwg.gov.uk or by writing to DWP, Central Fol Team, Caxton House, Tothill Street, London, SW1H 9NA. Any review request should be submitted within two months of the date of this letter.

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