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Our Ref: IR131

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Dear Mr McDade

Thank you for your email requesting a review of the Department for Work and Pensions (DWP) response dated 23 March 2016, reference FOI 891.

In your email you asked:

*'Thanks for your reply however I have specifically asked which part of the register nurses may be registered on in order to work as a WCA . There are at least 5 parts to the NMC register. I have also asked if DWP has specified that only nurses from the "Adult Part of the register may carry out WCA's.*

*I have also asked if this is the same for nurses who carry out PIP assessments.'*

Please be assured that your request has been given our full consideration and that all aspects of your review were taken fully into account.

I note that the response (FOI 891) dated 23 March 2016 provided you with the required qualifications and experience criteria for Healthcare Professionals employed by Centre for Health and Disability Assessments for the delivery of Work Capability Assessments and Health Professionals employed by Atos Healthcare and Capita for the delivery of Personal Independence Payment Assessments.

I can further explain that for the delivery of Work Capability Assessments under the Health and Disability Assessments Service Contract, the primary qualification of a registered nurse can be any as listed throughout the register.

For the delivery of Personal Independence Payment Assessments, as stated in our original response, nurses must be Level 1; therefore their primary qualification can be from any of the listed type of registered nurses under Sub Part 1 of the register.

In reviewing your request I uphold the decision of the Freedom of Information Officer in part and have added information where appropriate. I am therefore satisfied now that all the information that DWP are able to supply to you has been supplied.

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.

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

Yours sincerely,

DWP Central FoI Team

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