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Our Ref: IR 159

26 April 2016

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 to be provided with information answering the following questions:-

'Thank you for your response. However there are at least four different parts to the NMC register and unlike other disciplines such as Occupational therapist, there is no such thing as a registered nurse. A nurse must be registered on a specific part of the register.

Which part of the register may a nurse be registered on to carry out work capability assessments? and is there a difference in criteria for registration requirements for PIP assessments.

Simply reinstating that a Nurse registered with the NMC is not providing information as there is no part of the register for generic nursing.'

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

DWP have already supplied you with full information about these matters in the letter dated 14 April 2016 (reference IR 131) which included an Internal Review. The letter explained that the reviewing officer upheld the original decision (FOI 891) in part and provided further information relating to the registration requirements of Nurses that undertake assessments on behalf of the Department.

In undertaking this review I agree with the findings of the reviewing officer dated 14 April 2016.

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 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 <a href="https://www.ico.org.uk/Global/contact\_us">www.ico.org.uk/Global/contact\_us</a> or telephone 0303 123 1113 or 01625 545745