

DWP Central Freedom of Information Team

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Our Ref: 4131

Date: 25 November 2016

Dear D Moore,

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request of 29<sup>th</sup> October 2016. You asked:

*The Department was recently ordered to release all the names of Mandatory Work Activity providers by the Court of Appeal:*

<https://www.whatdotheyknow.com/request/348484/response/845583/attach/html/3/326%202012%20Info.pdf.html>

*I am seeking information on the Jesus Army Centre's involvement in all DWP schemes which the Master of the Rolls Lord Justice Lloyd Jones pointed out are 'collectively referred to as "workfare".'*

<http://www.bailii.org/ew/cases/EWCA/Civ/2016/758.html>

- 1. I would like the name of each workfare scheme the Jesus Army Centre was involved in e.g. the Work Programme and Community Work Placements.*
- 2. I would like the start and end dates of their involvement in each scheme.*
- 3. I would like the figures for DWP benefit claimants who participated in each workfare scheme with the Jesus Army Centre up to the year 2015 – as close to the end of the calendar year as costs permit.*

We do not recognise the term 'workfare' in relation to our schemes. All of the department's employment programmes are supportive initiatives, designed to help unemployed people gain skills and help them into paid employment.

Our schemes that offer work placements are designed to support those claimants whom Jobcentre Plus advisors consider would benefit from gaining valuable work related disciplines and work experience because this will help them move closer to the labour market and secure paid employment.

I can confirm that the Department holds some of the information you have requested regarding placement hosts. However the information you require is held by 70 different

providers, including MWA and CWP providers as well as individual Jobcentre Plus offices. This volume of data would need to be located and then collated.

Figures relating to start and end dates of the Jesus Army Centre's involvement in each scheme will be held by the same 70 contacts, plus individual Jobcentre Plus offices and would need collating.

Figures relating to DWP benefit claimants who participated in each scheme with the Jesus Army Centre are also held by the same 70 contacts, plus individual Jobcentre Plus offices and would need collating.

We estimate that the cost of complying with your request would exceed the appropriate limit for central Government, set by regulations at £600. This represents the estimated cost of one person spending 3½ working days in determining whether the Department holds the information, and locating, retrieving and extracting it. Under section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act the Department is not therefore obliged to comply with your request and we will not be processing it further.

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

Yours sincerely,

DWP Strategy Fol Team

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**Your right to complain under the Freedom of Information Act**

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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](http://www.ico.gov.uk)