

DWP Policy Group Freedom of Information Team

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

Our Ref: FOI2019/24962

15 July 2019

Dear Dot Holden,

Thank you for your Freedom of Information (Fol) request received on 4 July. You asked:

I would much appreciate some further information about this report, again under the FOI Act, in this instance:

How were the participants of the study recruited - was this by public notice (in newspapers etc) or other means, if so how were they contacted about participating in the study

What age groups did the participants come from in each centre used to form the data base for the report

DWP Response:

I confirm that the department hold some of the information to respond to your request. However, the information is exempt under Section 21 of the Freedom of Information Act because the information is reasonably accessible to you, as it is already in the public domain. Specifically, information on where the participants come from in each centre used to form the data base for the report is published in the Department of Social Security Research Report No 83 Pensions and Retirement Planning (1998) which is available here:
<https://www.worldcat.org/title/pensions-and-retirement-planning/oclc/40143456>

A profile of the sample, including the age group of participants in each area is provided in Appendix 1 of this report.

Following a search of our records, I have established that the information you requested on how the participants of the study were recruited is not held by the Department.

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

Yours sincerely,

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

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