

DWP Central Freedom of Information Team
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Our Ref: FoI 217 + IR 101

Date: 2 May 2018

Dear Ally Tibbitt,

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request of 17 January 2018. Please accept our apologies for the delay in replying. You asked:

Further to the responses given to parliamentary written questions 109416 & 116936, I seek similar figures for Scotland only.

<https://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2017-10-24/109416/>

<https://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2017-11-30/116936/>

Specifically, I would like to know how many people, resident in Scotland, who previously qualified for disability living allowance have not been awarded personal independence payments following assessments by Capita, IAS (ATOS) or other service provider contracted by the DWP for this purpose?

This should cover the time period 8th April 2013 to the most recent date figures are available.

The figures I am interested in are the outcome of the first DWP decision on each DLA to PIP reassessment claim assessed under Normal Rules only, prior to any reconsideration, appeal action, and award review, after the claimant underwent an assessment by IAS or Capita.

If possible, I would be grateful if you could breakdown these figures further by Westminster Constituency, Scottish Local Authority Area and PIP assessment provider.

I understand that you may need to round these figures to the nearest 10, in order to mitigate against data protection concerns.

I would prefer not receive the response in a pdf format file. Instead, I would like to receive the data associated with this response in a machine-readable format such as a CSV file or MS Excel file.

DWP Response

DWP case managers make decisions on all claims based on the PIP2 questionnaire completed by the claimant, any additional evidence they have submitted, the report from the assessment provider and any additional information the assessment provider has requested, for example information from the claimant's GP.

With regards to the first part of your question, of the **97,560** completed assessments up to 31st October 2017, **16,970** claimants in Scotland were not awarded personal independence payment (PIP), under normal rules, after undergoing a Disability Living Allowance (DLA) to PIP reassessment with Independent Assessment Services (IAS), previously known as Atos. Please note that the sole provider of Personal Independence Payment Assessments in Scotland is Independent Assessment Services and as such all claimants in Scotland are assessed by them.

Source: PIP Computer System.

With regard to the second part of your question, attached to this response is an Excel file showing breakdown by parliamentary constituency and Scottish local Authority.

Notes to figures in Spreadsheet:

- Figures include data from the rollout of re-assessing DLA claimants onto PIP from October 2013 to October 2017.
- Data is based on main disabling condition as recorded on the DLA computer systems. Claimants may often have multiple disabling conditions upon which the decision is based but only the primary condition is shown in these statistics.
- Data shows the outcome of the first DWP decision on each DLA to PIP reassessment claim assessed under Normal Rules only, prior to any reconsideration, appeal action, and award review, after the claimant underwent an assessment by IAS.
- These figures are the result of a complex data match across a number of data sets. They are taken from internal DWP management information and should be viewed as estimates.
- This is unpublished data. It should be used with caution and it may be subject to future revision.
- Data taken from the PIP computer system.
- 'Disallowed post-referral to the assessment providers (AP)' includes claims that have been disallowed following the assessment due to the claimant not scoring enough points at the assessment to be awarded the benefit.
- Figures include reassessment outcomes for individuals who were aged between 16 and 64 on 8th April 2013 and include PIP Normal Rules claims only.
- Data may not sum due to rounding.

And on 20 February 2018 you asked:

Dear Department for Work and Pensions,

Please pass this on to the person who conducts Freedom of Information reviews.

I am writing to request an internal review of Department for Work and Pensions's handling of my FOI request 'Personal Independence Payment statistics, Scotland'.

The department should have responded to this request by now. Please could you supply the requested information as quickly as possible?

In response to your request I can confirm that the handling of your original request and response has now been appropriately reviewed by someone unconnected with the handling of your original request.

We apologise and acknowledge in this instance we have not met our obligation as required under section 10 (1) FOIA and did not provide a response within 20 working days and therefore uphold your review request.

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

Yours sincerely,

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

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