

# Freedom of Information request 2013-3844

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## Information request

I would like to know the number and percentage of jobs advertised in Hull that offer less than 16 hours a week of employment and/or pay less than £7.45 per hour. I would like this to include jobs that offer 'zero hour contracts'. I would like this data to cover the period 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2102 until 31<sup>st</sup> July 2013."

Any other details that may help us to identify and locate the information: I would like this information to be taken from the following job centres in Hull so to access the most recent data possible: Hull Market Place, Hull Britannia House, Hull Crown Place

## DWP response

In response to your question the information we have available is detailed below. Please note data from the 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2012 to 19<sup>th</sup> November 2012 has been taken from the Labour Market System (LMS) Vacancies database and data from 20<sup>th</sup> November 2012 to 31<sup>st</sup> July 2013 from Universal Jobmatch.

**Please also be aware that figures supplied are derived from unpublished information and have not been quality assured to National Statistics or Official Statistics publication standard. They should therefore be treated with caution.**

A direct comparison between the two sets of figures is not advised due to the different data sources and changes, introduced in late 2012, to the way employers notify vacancies.

More information on Universal Jobmatch can be found at:

<http://www.dwp.gov.uk/adviser/updates/universal-jobmatch/>

In response to your question for the period from 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2012 to 19<sup>th</sup> November 2012, the number of notified vacancies for Hull Britannia House Jobcentre Plus office was 600 (rounded to the nearest 10) and of these 60 (rounded to the nearest 10), were for jobs of less than 16 hours per week. This is the only Jobcentre specified in your request where vacancies were still being notified during the period in question.

We can confirm that the Department does hold some information on the hourly rate of pay for each vacancy. However due to the differing formats in which this information is held we estimate that the cost of extracting this information would exceed the appropriate limit of £600.

The appropriate limit has been specified in regulations and for central Government it is set 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 the information. Under section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act the Department is not obliged to comply with your request and we will not be processing your request further.

In response to your question for the period from 20<sup>th</sup> November 2012 to 31<sup>st</sup> July 2013, there are two options/parameters available that relate to geography within the Universal Jobmatch system when producing labour market data, these being Town/Region and Local Authority.

Therefore the request for data covering Hull Market Place Jobcentre Plus office, Hull Britannia House Jobcentre Plus office and Hull Crown Place Jobcentre Plus office can not be met as this information is not held.

The Universal Jobmatch system does not hold specific data on 'hours of work' or 'rates of pay' as requested.

The following labour market data is available which answer the FOI in relation to 'zero hours' contracts for both the Town: Hull and Local Authority Unit: Kingston upon Hull.

### **Geography – Town Hull**

The total number of live jobs from 20<sup>th</sup> Nov 2012 – 31st July 2013 for Hull was 1,293

Of the 1,293

- 53 of the jobs total offered zero hour contracts
- 292 of the jobs total were Part time hour basis
- 378 of the jobs total were Temporary contacts
- 1,073 of the jobs total offered Annual pay range of 0-£10,000

### **Geography – Kingston upon Hull**

The total number of live jobs from 20<sup>th</sup> Nov 2012 – 31st July 2013 for Kingston upon Hull was 1,017

Of the 1,017

- 16 of the jobs total offered zero hour contracts

- 297 of the jobs total were Part time hour basis
- 225 of the jobs total were Temporary contacts
- 2 of the jobs total offered Annual pay range of 0-£10,000