

# Freedom of Information request 2014-3301

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## Information request

### 1. Introduction

Following release of the 19 June 2014 issue of the DWP official statistics publication: 'Work Programme Official Statistics to March 2014', RNIB is requesting ad hoc analysis relating to participants who are blind or partially sighted.

#### 1.2 Definition of blind and partially sighted

DWP administrative data has a category 'Diseases of the Eye and Adnexa'. As this includes some acute medical conditions that do not cause vision impairment we would like all analyses of DWP data carried out for RNIB to exclude these acute conditions.

A full list of the conditions that are and are not included in the category is given in the appendix.

Throughout this document, claimants with Diseases of the Eye and Adnexa with conditions that are associated with vision impairment (as detailed in the appendix) will be referred to as blind and partially sighted people.

### 2. Questions for analysis

We are requesting further breakdown of the following tables, to provide details of outcomes for blind and partially sighted people, treated as a single category comprising the 10 non-acute conditions in Diseases of the Eye and Adnexa detailed in Appendix A. The analysis would therefore exclude the 5 acute conditions that are also detailed in Appendix A.

For each of the tables detailed below, we are requesting outcomes for the whole period to date, as presented in the published table. We do not require a breakdown on a monthly or quarterly basis.

We have requested statistics for Great Britain only. It would be very helpful to us if it were possible to further sub-divide by country.

#### 2.1 List of tables

Supplementary table 2.13: Number of referrals and attachments to the Work Programme, the number of Participants who have qualified for a Job Outcome

payment and the number of Sustainment payments paid to providers – by Region: June 2011 to March 2013

We are not requesting a breakdown by region, but if numbers permit we would like a breakdown by country: England, Scotland and Wales as well as for Great Britain.

Supplementary table 2.15: Number of Referrals, Attachments, Job Outcome payments and Sustainment payments to the Work Programme – by Contract: June 2011 to March 2014.

We appreciate that the numbers may be too small for breakdown at this level. However, if this information is available for blind and partially sighted people – even if only partial – it would be of value to us.

## Appendix A

Diseases of the Eye and Adnexa (ICD10): Conditions that are associated with vision impairment

The list below is taken from the DWP category 'Diseases of the Eye and Adnexa'. Because this includes some acute medical conditions that do not cause vision impairment, we have removed the acute conditions from the Diseases of the Eye and Adnexa category and would like analysis of DWP data to include only those people with the following 10 conditions:

- H16 - Keratitis (inflammation of the cornea)
- H20 - Iridocyclitis (acute inflammatory disease of the anterior segment)
- H26 - Other cataract
- H33 - Retinal detachment and breaks
- H40 – Glaucoma
- H44 - Disorders of the globe
- H47 - Other disorders of the optic (2nd) nerve and visual pathways
- H54 - Visual impairment including blindness (binocular or monocular) (Blindness and low vision)
- H55 - Nystagmus and other irregular eye movement
- H57 - Other disorders of the eye and adnexa

Acute conditions that have been removed from the Diseases of the Eye and Adnexa category

- Hordeolum and chalazion (these are inflammatory eye disorders)
- Other inflammation of the eyelid
- Conjunctivitis
- Foreign body on external Eye
- Other Inflammation of Eyelid

## **DWP response**

In response to your query, the requested statistical tables broken down by the 10 non-acute conditions in the “Diseases of the Eye and Adnexa” and country

can be found in the attached Excel spreadsheet (FOI 2014-3301 Response.xls).

Please note that to ensure individual privacy we apply controls including displaying both very small numbers and zeros as nil/negligible. Since multiple sustainment payments may be claimed per referral but only one job outcome payment, data may be displayed as nil/negligible for job outcome payments but associated sustainment payment data may be shown.