

Freedom of Information request 2014-3411

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Information request

- 1) How many claimants have been migrated from incapacity benefits to ESA and placed in the support group without a face to face assessment?
- 2) How many claimants have directly migrated to ESA support group without a face to face assessment where a Summary International Classification of Diseases condition group of 'Mental and Behavioural Disorders' has been recorded?
- 3) What are the detailed mental health conditions and the proportion of such conditions for those people in question 2?

DWP response

With regards to your questions, statistics on the number of Support Group outcomes for Incapacity Benefits Reassessments by method of assessment, for all claimants and for those with claimants with mental health conditions in Great Britain can be found in table below:

Incapacity Benefits Reassessments - Support Group Outcomes for paper-based assessments, for all claimants and for those with ICD10 Disease Summary Code of 'Mental and Behavioural Disorders' by detailed condition, Great Britain: March 2011 to September 2013

	Paper Based Assessment
All claimants	360,400
Claimants with a mental health medical condition	167,200
Mental health medical condition percentage breakdown:	
Unspecified Dementia	0.1%
Alcoholism	2.8%
Drug Abuse	1.8%
Schizophrenia	11.8%
Persistent delusional disorder	0.5%
Unspecified nonorganic Psychosis	4.1%
Manic Episode	0.2%
Depressive Episode	35.2%

Recurrent Depressive Disorder	0.1%
Persistent mood disorder	0.2%
Unspecified mood disorder	0.8%
Phobic Anxiety Disorders	0.8%
Other anxiety Disorders	7.6%
Reaction to Severe Stress	2.6%
Dissociative Disorders	-
Somatoform Disorders	-
Other Neurotic Disorders	7.4%
Eating disorder	0.3%
Mental and Behavioural Disorders associated with the puerperium, not elsewhere classified	0.1%
Psychological and behavioural factors associated with disorders or diseases elsewhere classified	-
Specific Personality Disorders	0.6%
Unspecified Mental Retardation	2.9%
Specific Development Disorders of Scholastic Skills	12.5%
Pervasive Development Disorders	1.0%
Mental Disorder not otherwise specified	6.6%

Source: Data in the above tables is derived from administrative data held by the DWP and assessment data provided by Atos Healthcare.

Notes:

1. Figures are rounded to nearest 100, percentages one decimal place. '-' denotes nil or negligible
2. Figures include only those who have been placed in the Support Group.
3. Figures are for the period 1 March 2011 to 30 September 2013 and also include the trial period in October 2010. Incapacity Benefits Reassessments are tabled by referral date.
4. The reassessment of existing incapacity benefits claimants started in October 2010 with a trial in the Burnley and Aberdeen areas. Previously published information on the reassessment trials is available on the DWP web-site at the following link:
https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/223107/wca_ib_reassessment_interim.pdf
5. Causes of incapacity are based on the International Classification of Diseases, 10th Revision, published by the World Health Organisation.
6. Medical condition is based on evidence provided at the start of the claim; this in itself does not confer entitlement to IB/SDA or ESA and may not represent a claimant's most recent medical condition. Please also note that where someone has more than one diagnosis or disabling condition, only the predominant one is currently recorded.