

# Freedom of Information request 2014-3170

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## Information request

Recent DWP figures indicate that of the 19,039 claimants who received an adverse sanction decision over the six month period, 11,624 (61 per cent) were in relation to claimants with 'mental and behavioural disorders' (see <http://www.rightsnet.org.uk/news/story/number-of-esa-claimants-sanctioned-more-than-doubled-between-july-and-decem>)

What proportion of claimants sanctioned by London JCP districts (north London, south London, etc) had 'mental and behavioural disorders'?

## DWP response

Please note we are unable to read the article on the link you provided however we have assumed you have used the data which was supplied in answer to a Freedom of Information request published on 10 July 2014 here:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/statistics-on-esa-claimants-with-an-adverse-sanction-decision-by-icd-code-between-jul-2012-and-dec-2013-gb>

Please also note that there was an error in the title of the table in the link above and the information relates to the number of adverse sanction **decisions** (as detailed in the descriptive paragraph above the table) rather than the number of **claimants** with an adverse sanction decision (some individuals may have more than one adverse sanction decision).

We have therefore included figures on both decisions and claimants to ensure that your request is fulfilled.

Statistics for the number of Employment and Support Allowance (ESA) adverse sanction decisions and claimants with an adverse sanction decision, with an ICD (disease) Summary Code of 'Mental and Behavioural Disorders' in each London Jobcentre Plus district from July to December 2013 can be found in the table below.

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**Number of Employment and Support Allowance (ESA) adverse sanction decisions and claimants with an adverse sanction decision, with an ICD (disease) Summary Code of 'Mental and Behavioural Disorders', by London Jobcentre Plus District: July 2013 to December 2013**

<b>London Jobcentre Plus District</b>	<b>Number of adverse sanction decisions with mental or behavioural disorders</b>	<b>As a proportion of all adverse sanction decisions</b>	<b>Number of claimants with an adverse sanction decision with mental or behavioural disorders</b>	<b>As a proportion of all claimants with an adverse sanction decision</b>
East London	451	48%	329	48%
North London	286	58%	244	57%
South London	1,141	58%	790	58%
West London	301	55%	227	54%

**Source:** Information, Governance and Security Directorate (DWP)

**Notes:**

1. Cells in this table have had statistical disclosure control applied to avoid the release of confidential data.
2. Figures are the 6 month period up to 31 December 2013, which is the latest data available at the time of the request.
3. ICD (disease) summary code: ICD (disease) code Causes of incapacity are based on the International Classification of Diseases, 10th Revision, published by the World Health Organisation. Medical condition is based on evidence provided at the start of the claim and so 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 used.
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