

# Freedom of Information request 1776/2013

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## Information request

*I have submitted the freedom of information request number 1295.*

*One of my questions was Number of disabled people assessed under DWP's new Work Capability Assessment who have been assessed as fit for work and have appealed this decision and have died before receiving the decision of their appeal?*

*"The answer to this question was: The information requested is not available from DWP. HM Courts and Tribunals Service (HMCTS) may be able to provide the information requested".*

*I have not been able to find out the answer from HMCTS as they only talk in terms of specific courts for specific tribunal's.*

*Surely if somebody is assessed as fit to work by the DWP and they appeal this decision, there must be a record of whether the appeal is successful or not and how this affects their benefits status, if only to show that the case is closed due to the death of the claimant.*

*Or, just a clarification, are you saying that once people appeal the DWP decision the DWP have no clue as to whether the person making the appeal lives or dies?*

## DWP response

The information requested is not, and never has been, collected by DWP. DWP receives data on appeal hearing dates and appeal outcomes from HMCTS, whilst HMCTS hold information on pending and withdrawn appeals and should be contacted directly if you require it.