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Information request

Is the "centrally provided and hosted Assessment Tool" (Tool) a variant of the existing LiMA tool currently used for ESA WCA?

Will this Tool be maintained by Atos Origin on behalf of the DWP (as is the case with LiMA)?

DWP response

The criteria and assessment we have developed for Personal Independence Payments (PIP) are very different to WCA. As such the information gathered and the approach taken in assessments will be very different. For that reason the assessment tool we are developing, which Atos Healthcare and Capita Business Services will both use to assist them in carrying out PIP assessments, is not a variant of LiMA. Instead we are developing an entirely new tool which will be owned and maintained by DWP.