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Information released title	Investors in People companies in the South West of England
Original request	Please could you advise me of how many companies in the past 5 years in the South West which you cover have been awarded the Investors in People Award? Of those, how many had not been re-accredited when they applied for reaccreditation?
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Between 19th August 2008 and 19th August 2013, 479 organisations located in the South West of England achieved the Investors in People Standard for the first time.

Please note that Investors in People works with employers across the public, private and third sectors. The figure of 479 organisations will include private sector companies, but also public authorities and voluntary organisations. If you are seeking information solely about private sector companies, please let us know and we would be happy to provide this.

In relation to the second element of your question, of those 479 organisations detailed above, 279 currently remain accredited following a formal Investors in People re-accreditation process. Therefore we can confirm that 200 organisations are no longer in possession of the Investors in People award.

With regards to the exact number of those 200 organisations which have not achieved re-accreditation, I am afraid that the UK Commission is unable to respond to your request precisely.

Section 1 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 gives the statutory right of access to any recorded information held by a public authority. The UK Commission does not hold accurate recorded information in relation to this part of your question. Factors contributing to this include the fact that different organisations featuring in our records will be at different stages within their own Investors in People journey and the use of third party sources from which we receive data.

As a consequence we are unfortunately unable to fully respond to your request. However, in line with our statutory duty to provide advice and assistance, we are happy to supply an intelligent ball-park figure. Therefore, out of the 200 organisations who do not currently hold the award, our records point to there being around 12 which applied for a formal review and were subsequently unsuccessful. We feel it is important to emphasise that this figure is supplied as an approximation and as a result it would be inadvisable to draw large scale conclusions based on this data, as it concerns a specific region during

a specific time period.