

# Freedom of Information request 259/2014

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## Information request

May I respectfully request the details of the 40 Disability Organisations that are being enlisted onto the Fulfilling Potential Forum

Also, I would like to know how these organisations were selected and if there is any possibility for professionals, such as myself, to be considered for the Fulfilling Potential Forum.

## DWP response

We set out the criteria used to decide who to invite to the Fulfilling Potential Forum in our document *Better Working with Disabled People – The Way Forward* which was published on 16 January 2014.

Membership of the forum will consist of representatives of organisations of and for disabled people, with the majority representing user-led groups.

Organisations invited by the Minister of State for Disabled People and the Minister for Care and Support Services to join the Fulfilling Potential Forum will cover, in accordance with suggestions made by consultation respondents:

- Disabled People's User-Led Organisations (DPULOs) representing the English regions and UK nations;
- Disability Organisations who have helped develop Fulfilling Potential (including the Disability Charities Consortium (DCC) members and others);
- Organisations representing harder to reach groups (including people with mental health conditions and other long-term health conditions; learning disabled people; people with profound and multiple disabilities; disabled veterans; Black and Minority Ethnicity (BME) and Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgendered (LGB&T) disabled people; and carers); and
- Organisations representing young and older disabled people.

Other organisations will be invited to meetings ad hoc, dependent on the agenda.

We have invited the following organisations to be members of the Forum.

Action Hearing Loss  
Age UK  
Alliance for Inclusive Education  
British Deaf Association  
British Institute of Learning Disabilities  
British Limbless Ex-Servicemen's Association  
Carers UK  
Disability Action Alliance  
Disability Action Northern Ireland  
Disability Rights UK  
Disability Wales  
English Federation of Disability Sport  
Equalities National Council  
Inclusion Scotland  
Leonard Cheshire Disability  
Marie Curie Cancer Care  
Mencap  
Mind  
National Federation of the Blind UK  
People First Self Advocacy  
Profound and Multiple Learning Disabilities Network  
Regard  
Rethink  
Royal British Legion  
Royal National Institute of Blind People  
Scope  
Sense  
Spinal Injuries Association  
UK Disabled People's Council  
Voluntary Organisations Disability Group  
Whizz Kidz

A further 9 regional representatives will be invited. We are using our Disabled People User Led Organisation's regional events to identify these representatives.

Papers and minutes for meetings will be published so other people will have the opportunity to feed in their thoughts and ideas. We will add you to our contacts list.