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Information request

Do the department have any provision to monitor the impact of their last resort sanctions on the health of Claimants.

Are ther statistics available on the numbers of claimants who, for example within weeks of JSA being sanctioned by the Secretary of State find their ability to function impaired to the extent they need to claim ESA.

DWP response

The Department does not monitor the impact of sanctions on the health of claimants and we do not have data on statistics of people sanctioned on Jobseeker's Allowance who move onto Employment and Support Allowance.

The department will start an evaluation of the post-October 2012 sanctions regime in autumn 2013. This will include surveys of benefit claimants' experience of the sanctions regime and analysis of administrative data on sanctions activity.