

# **Freedom of Information requests 641-658/2011**

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## **Information requests**

FOI 641: How much money has been spent (or best estimate) on retraining males by Rochdale Job Centre for the financial year 2010-2011?

FOI 642: How much money has been spent (or best estimate) by Rochdale Job Centre on retraining females for the financial year 2010-2011?

FOI 643: How much money has been spent (or best estimate) by Rochdale Job Centre on retraining lone parents for the financial year 2010-2011?

FOI 644: How much money has been spent by Rochdale Job Centre on retraining males for the financial year 2009-2010?

FOI 645: How much money has been spent by Rochdale Job Centre on retraining females for the financial year 2009-2010?

FOI 646: How much money has been spent by Rochdale Job Centre on retraining females for the financial year 2008-2009?

FOI 647: How much money has been spent by Rochdale Job Centre on retraining lone parents for the financial year 2008-2009?

FOI 648: How much money has been spent by Rochdale Job Centre on retraining lone parents for the financial year 2009-2010?

FOI 649: How much money has been spent by Rochdale Job Centre on retraining males for the financial year 2008-2009?

FOI 650: How much money has been spent by Rochdale Job Centre on retraining individuals on HGV courses for the financial year 2009-2010?

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FOI 653: How much money has been spent (or best estimate) by Rochdale Job Centre on interpreters' fees (not including fees for interpreted publications) for the financial year 2010-2011?

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FOI 655: How much money has been spent by Rochdale Job Centre on interpreters' fees (not including fees for interpreted publications) for the financial year 2008-2009?

FOI 656: How much money has been spent (or best estimate) by the Greater Manchester East and West district office on interpreters' fees for interpreted publications for the financial year 2010-2011?

FOI 657: How much money has been spent by the Greater Manchester East and West district office on interpreters' fees for interpreted publications for the financial year 2009-2010?

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## **DWP response**

### General issues

Our financial systems do not enable money spent on employment programmes to be identified at individual Jobcentre level. It is however possible in some cases to make an estimate where costs are recorded at district level. For other programmes which are contracted nationally, it is not.

In some questions you are asking for the amount spent to be split down by gender. Again our financial systems do not support this level of analysis, although it is possible to make an estimate in some cases.

In some questions you are asking for the amount spent in the current financial year, i.e., April 2010 to March 2011. At the time of writing we only have data up to February 2011, so in these cases we have estimated the spend for the final month on a pro rata basis.

In terms of scope of the response, Jobcentre Plus offers a range of employment programmes targeted towards different client groups and with differing methods of delivery - although all, ultimately, have the overall aim of moving people into work or closer to the Job Market. Whether these programmes represent training, retraining, job search activities etc. can be open to a degree of interpretation. I have therefore based my response on the costs for employment programme provision as a whole for the following programmes:

- New Deal for Young People (prior to October 2009)
- New Deal for 25 plus (prior to October 2009)
- New Deal for Musicians (prior to October 2009)
- New Deal for Self-Employed (prior to October 2009)
- Flexible New Deal (from October 2009 onwards)
- Jobcentre Plus Support Contracts (from October 2009 onwards)
- Support for newly unemployed
- New Deal for Lone Parents
- Pathways to Work
- Progress to work

If you want any more background information on current employment programmes you may wish to check online at the Directgov Website:

<http://www.direct.gov.uk/en/Employment/Jobseekers/programmesandservices/index.htm>

Finally, during the time period specified in your questions, the Greater Manchester East and West District has switched from the old New Deal contracts to Flexible New Deal contracts which now cover the whole of the Greater Manchester area. You should bear this in mind when making any year-by-year comparisons.

Specific responses (with reference to the questions above)

FOI 641, 642, 644, 645, 646 and 649

These six questions cover spend over the last three financial years by male/female, and are summarised in table 1.

Gender assumptions:

- Over the last three years the participants on the New Deal for Young People programme, on a national basis have been split: 70% male and 30% female.
- Over the last three years the participants on the New Deal for 25 plus programme, on a national basis have been split: 80% male and 20% female.
- The split for New Deal for Musicians; New Deal for Self-Employed; Flexible New Deal; JCP Support Contracts and Support for newly unemployed is estimated at around 75% male and 25% female.
- Over the last three years the participants on the New Deal for Lone Parents programme, on a national basis have been split: 5% male and 95% female.
- For the remaining programmes costs have been assumed to be 50% male and 50% female.

Although we do not have data at the level of a specific Jobcentre, data is available on programme participation at Local Authority area level – in this case for Stockport Metropolitan Borough Council.

Based on programme starts over the last three years Stockport MBC represents 10% of the total of the Greater Manchester East and West District, and 6% of the total of Greater Manchester as a whole (which is the area covered by the Flexible New Deal and Jobcentre Plus Support Contracts)

Combining these assumptions with the recorded programme spend produces the following estimates:

Employment Programme Spend (£)	2008-2009		2009-2010		2010-2011	
	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female
New Deal for Young People	409,000	175,000	196,000	84,000	0	0
New Deal for 25 plus	274,000	68,000	112,000	28,000	0	0
New Deal for Musicians	3,000	1,000	2,000	1,000	0	0
New Deal for Self-Employed	32,000	11,000	17,000	6,000	0	0
Flexible New Deal	0	0	866,000	289,000	1,701,000	520,000
JCP Support Contracts	0	0	86,000	29,000	215,000	66,000
Support for newly unemployed	0	0	20,000	7,000	32,000	10,000
New Deal for Lone Parents	2,000	46,000	1,000	27,000	1,000	15,000
Pathways to Work	374,000	374,000	342,000	342,000	343,000	314,000
Progress to Work	29,000	29,000	30,000	30,000	26,000	24,000
Total of above programmes	1,123,000	704,000	1,672,000	843,000	2,318,000	949,000

Source: EG General Ledger

**Table 1 - Estimated Spend for selected Employment Programme in Rochdale by Year and by Gender**

**FOI 643, 647, 648**

These three questions cover spend over the last three financial years on Lone Parents.

The only programme where lone parents can be specifically identified as such is within the voluntary New Deal for Lone Parents programme. The data for this is already included in table 1 above. It is not possible to form an estimate of how many participants on the other programmes are lone parents as no data is available.

FOI 650, 651, 652

These three questions cover spend over the last three financial years on HGV training.

Unfortunately we do not have any data to answer these.

FOI 653, 654, 655, 656, 657 and 658

These six questions cover spend over the last three financial years on interpreters' fees.

The costs of interpreter fees paid by Rochdale Jobcentre, and Greater Manchester East and West District as a whole, for the years 2008-9, 2009-10 and 2010-11 are as shown in table 2.

Spend (£)	2008-2009	2009-2010	2010-2011 YTD
Rochdale Jobcentre	£12,884	£12,755	£7,825
Greater Manchester East and West District	£140,958	£172,650	£152,942

*Source: Jobcentre Plus General Ledger*

*Table 2 – Spend on interpreter fees by Rochdale Jobcentre and Greater Manchester East and West District by Year*

Notes:

- (1) The 2010-11 figure represents the year to date (YTD) spend at the end of February. The annual report and accounts for this year have not yet been audited and signed off.
- (2) The cost of interpreters' fees for interpreted publications is not identified separately within the Jobcentre Plus General Ledger. Therefore, the figures in table 2 are the total costs of all interpreter fees.