

Freedom of Information request 570/2013

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Information request

You asked for further information in addition to FOI 4790 where we provided Work Capability outcomes of Employment and Support Allowance claimants in Cheshire East broken down by age. Your follow up request:

After discussing the stats at our last Ageing Well meeting, we felt that an additional information request was needed.

It would be very useful indeed if we could have the figures which show how many (and the %) of those shown in the tables, have transferred to Job Seekers Allowance in each of the categories.

DWP response

I have updated tables 1 and 2 with additional information below. Note that previous response contained an error in the wording. The figures referred to all claims starting between October 2008 and February 2012. In January 2013 we updated the Work Capability Assessment outcomes series and the tables below are based on the latest publication which includes all new claims started up until May 2012.

Table 1 below shows the number of initial Work Capability Assessments from claims started in Cheshire East Local Authority between October 2008 and May 2012 and the number and proportion of those with a Fit for Work outcome. It also includes the number and proportion of claimants who later claimed JSA having been found fit for work at their initial assessment.

Table 1

	Less than 50 years old	50 years old or more
Initial WCAs	4,500	2,200
Fit for Work decisions	2,400	1,200
Fit for work to JSA	900	300
Proportion of all initial WCAs found Fit for Work	54%	51%
Proportion of FfW who later claim JSA	39%	28%

Note.

1. Figures have been rounded to the nearest 100;
2. Outcomes of Incapacity Benefit Reassessment outcomes have not been included.

Table 2 below shows the number of repeat Work Capability Assessments from claims started in Cheshire East Local Authority between October 2008 and May 2012 and the number and proportion of those with a Fit for Work outcome.

Table 2

	Less than 50 years old	50 years old or more
Repeat WCAs	1,900	1,100
Fit for Work Decisions	500	300
Fit for work to JSA	100	100
Proportion of all repeat WCAs found Fit for Work	28%	29%
Proportion of FfW who later claim JSA	24%	17%

Note.

1. Figures have been rounded to the nearest 100;