

# Freedom of Information request 26/2015

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## Information request

Please email me a summary of any research the DWP is participating in or funding with regards the Behavioural Insights Team, now known as Behavioural Insights Ltd (BIT)

<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/behavioural-insights-team> A similar request for this information was made 22/07/13

<https://www.whatdotheyknow.com/request/169810/response/415447/attach/3/3428%20Response.pdf>

If within your costs I would also like you to email me copies of any papers written by you hold by Joanne Reinhard on "new ways to help people back into work" <http://www.behaviouralinsights.co.uk/team/joanne-reinhard-advisor> if you cannot email me the actual papers because you wish to claim an exemption, please email me the titles or subject matter (summary) of the papers.

Finally, again if not too costly, what are the names of the BIT members who currently advise the DWP? Noting that BIT team member personal data is published here <http://www.behaviouralinsights.co.uk/the-team>

## DWP response

Under section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act the Department is not obliged to comply with your request and we will not be processing your request further.

The Department does not keep a centrally collated record of which external partners or organisations different policy or deliver teams deal with as part of their day to day running of the business. In order to comply with your request we would need to ask every division in the business if they held the information you are asking for.

We estimate that the cost of complying with your request would exceed the appropriate limit of £600. The appropriate limit has been specified in regulations and for central Government it is set at £600. This represents the estimated cost of one person spending 3½ working days in determining whether the Department holds the information, and locating, retrieving and extracting the information.

It is possible that we may hold information falling within the description specified in your request. But to the best of our current knowledge (as of Jan 5<sup>th</sup> 2015) DWP is not:

- Participating in or funding any research with BIT.
- Neither do we hold any papers written by Joanne Reinhard.
- Likewise, none of the members of BIT advise DWP in a formal role.

Under section 16 of the FOIA we are obliged to assist you in providing options to narrow your request, by reforming or refocusing it, so that it will fall beneath the cost limit. It may help if I outline some possible ways to do this by seeking information about a specific piece of work or report the Behavioural Insights team has worked on and over a specific time period. The DWP will then be happy to consider your request afresh. However, we should advise that the DWP cannot guarantee that any revised request will be within the cost limit.