

Freedom of Information request 714/2013

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Information request

(1) A list of ALL work programmes/schemes that have to date said to have been created in Peterborough under these regulations and the date the programme/schemes started;

(2) The number of claimants who have been required to participate in the programmes/schemes to date on a mandatory basis in Peterborough;

(3) The number of claimants in Peterborough who have had Jobseekers Allowance sanctioned for non-compliance in taking part in the mandatory programmes/schemes to date;

DWP response

Q1

A list of employment schemes provided for by The Jobseeker's Allowance (Schemes for Assisting Persons to Obtain Employment) Regulations 2013 can be found at:

<http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukxi/2013/276/regulation/3/made>

The schemes in Peterborough provided for by these regulations to date have been:

- The Work Programme, which was rolled out Nationwide from June 2011.
- Sector-based work academies, which was rolled out in Peterborough from August 2011.
- Skills Conditionality, which was rolled out in Peterborough from August 2011.
- New Enterprise Allowance, which was rolled out in Peterborough from August 2011.

Q2

For the Work Programme, the number of mandatory referrals in Peterborough Local Authority from 1st June 2011 – 31st July 2012, which is the latest data available for the Work Programme, was 2,890.

Source: DWP Information, Governance and Security Directorate (IGS)

Notes:

1. Figure is cumulative and rounded to the nearest ten.
2. Referrals shown are 'net' referrals which do not include rejections, cancellations or referrals to ESA information sessions.
3. Geography is at the time of referral.
4. Mandatory referrals are classified as referrals to the following customer groups; JSA 18-24, JSA 25+, JSA NEET, JSA Claiming 22 of 24 Mths, JSA Ex-IB, ESA (IR) WRAG 3/6 Mth Mandatory and ESA (IR) WRAG 3/6 Mth Mandatory ExIB. More detailed information can be found at:<http://www.dwp.gov.uk/docs/wp-pg-chapter-2.pdf>

The number of claimants required to participate on other programmes provided for by the Regulations in question are displayed in the tables below:

Number of claimants starting in Peterborough local authority by scheme:

Scheme	Starts
Sector-based work academy (sbwa) pre-employment training starts	300
New Enterprise Allowance (NEA) Mentor starts	70

Number of claimants referred to Skills Conditionality in Peterborough local authority:

Scheme	Referrals
Skills Conditionality Training	780
National Careers Service	410
Initial Provider Interview	510

Notes:

1. Figures are cumulative and rounded to the nearest ten.
2. For sbwa, participation is voluntary, but claimants put forward for a sbwa are required to complete the training and attend the job interview once they have agreed to participate.

3. For NEA, participation is voluntary, but during the mentor allowance stage claimants are still liable to sanction under the jobseekers agreement.

Q3

For the mandatory schemes: Work Programme, Skills Conditionality, sector-based work academy and New Enterprise Allowance the number of individuals with Jobseeker's Allowance (JSA) fixed length sanctions applied in Peterborough Local Authority up to and including 21st October 2012 is available in the table below:

Number of Individuals with a Jobseeker's Allowance (JSA) fixed length sanction referral applied in Peterborough Local Authority up to and including 21st October 2012

Reason for sanction	Individuals with sanctions applied Peterborough
Failed to Participate in Work Programme	450
Failed to Participate in Skills Conditionality	-
Failed to Participate in Sector-based work academies	-
Failed to Participate in New Enterprise Allowance	-

Source:

DWP: Sanctions and Disallowance Decisions Statistics Database.

Notes:

1. Figures are rounded to the nearest ten. "-" denotes nil or negligible.
2. The number of sanctions applied is the number of referrals where there has been an adverse decision.
3. Adverse decisions: where the decision maker decides that the claimant did not have good cause and a sanction is applied. The length of the sanction will depend upon the claimant's circumstances.
4. Fixed Length sanctions: a sanction of between 1 week and 26 weeks is imposed for refusal, without good cause, to attend an employment programme or carry out a Jobseeker's Direction. Payment of benefit continues in full pending the Adjudication Officer's decision on a sanction question.