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Information request

1. What is the total amount of people that have applied for Personal Independence Payment in the Argyll and Bute Council area between 1 April 2013 and 1 Apr 2014?
2. How many of these applicants have been assessed by ATOS during this period?
3. What is the average wait time for an ATOS assessment for a Personal independence Payment claim in the Argyll and Bute Council area?

DWP response

Personal Independence Payment (PIP) started from April 2013 and although limited data has started to feed through, we need to wait until the Department has quality assured, meaningful figures for publication. The Department is working to guidelines set by the UK Statistics Authority to ensure we are able to publish statistics that meet high quality standards at the earliest opportunity. We intend to publish official statistics on PIP from Spring 2014.

An ad-hoc release of PIP management information was published on 11 February 2014 which covers the volumes of PIP new claims registered and decisions made between April 2013 and December 2013, and the award rates for decisions made. Breakdowns for new claims not made under the Special Rules for Terminally Ill people and new claims made under the Special Rules for Terminally Ill people are also given. The release can be found at:
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