

Freedom of Information request 2013-4099

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Information request

I request disclosure of the following information relating to the Jobcentre Plus offices covering the Bradford Metropolitan District (BMD) area. I believe these are: Bradford Eastbrook Court, Bradford Westfield House and Keighley, but please correct my assumption if it is wrong.

1) For each period of 3 months, for the BMD area, beginning in October 2009 and ending in June 2013, how many of the following were applied to JSA claimants. I assume these statistics are already held by the DWP, so they should be readily available:

- a) Varied length sanctions
- b) Fixed length sanctions
- c) Disallowances

2) With reference to the total figures in 1) above, please indicate the number of sanctions/disallowances applied to the following claimant groups per quarterly period as in 1) above. Note: these groups are based on the protected characteristic groups in the Equality Act 2010 so, as a public body, I presume the DWP will have these figures readily available:

- a) Sex
- b) Disability
- c) Ethnicity
- d) Age: 18-25; 26-45; 46-64

Re the 'new regime' information publication date, I understand that had previously been given as August 2013. Can you provide an updated estimate of when it will be published?

DWP response

In response to your revised query, information on the number of JSA sanctions in Bradford Metropolitan District, by age group, gender, ethnicity, disability status, by type of sanction can be found in the attached document (FOI 2013-4099 Response.xls). Please note latest data available is to the 21st October 2012 (the last date covered by the old sanctions regime).

The first set of statistics on the new JSA sanctions regime will be published in due course. A proposed publication date will be announced in advance via <https://www.gov.uk/> and <http://www.statsusernet.org.uk/Home> in the "Welfare and Benefits" community.

More information on the new sanctions regime, introduced on the 22nd of October 2012, can be found at: <http://www.dwp.gov.uk/adviser/updates/jsa-sanction-changes/>