

Freedom of Information request 2013-5509

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Information request

Please answer the question below and indicate the relevant data for the following:

- Woolwich JCP only
- Eltham JCP only

For each month for each area, beginning in 2012 and ending 30th October 2013 (or data up to the most recent available date):

- How many of the following were applied to ESA claimants:
 - Low level sanctions (please break down by reason)
 - Medium level sanctions (please break down by reason)
 - High level sanctions (please break down by reason)
- Please give the number of decisions (per month) that were overturned for the following reasons.
 - Reconsideration by a DWP official
 - Hearing at an independent appeal tribunal
- Please provide the number within this sanctioned group by:
 - Those with a disability
 - Ethnicity
 - Age
 - Lone parent status

DWP response

In response to your query, the information requested can be found in the attached Excel spread sheet (FOI 2013-5509 Response.xls). This includes, for Eltham and Woolwich Jobcentre Plus offices, monthly data on:

- The number of adverse sanctions applied broken down by:
 - i. Reason for sanction
 - ii. Those with a disability
 - iii. Ethnicity
 - iv. Age
 - v. Lone parent status
- The number of non adverse appeals and reconsiderations (where the decision has been found in favour of the claimant) for both old and new regime.

For information; low, intermediate and high level sanction referrals only apply to Jobseeker's Allowance claimants. Employment and Support Allowance (ESA) claimants can only be broken down into the reason for each sanction referral which is provided in the attached table.