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Information request

I WISH YOU TO ANSWER WHAT GIVES YOU THE RIGHT TO ACT GOD WITH A MAN'S ASSISTANCE THAT WHEN WORKING PAID INTO THE SYSTEM FOR THE VERY REASON WHEN THEY COME UNEMPLOYED IT'S IS A SAFETY NET SHOULD NOT HAVE TO JUMP THROUGH HOOPS TO PLEASE ALWAYS BIAS DWP ADVISORS WHO YOU KNOW AND SO DOSE PUBLIC YOU ARE ILLEGALLY SANCTIONING PEOPLE TO KEEP FIGURES LOW AND TO KEEP YOUR OWN JOBS / WHEN UNIVERSAL CREDIT GOES ON LINE AND MOST YOU BE MADE UNEMPLOYED REMEMBER UNEMPLOYED WON'T BE NICE PEOPLE TO MEET WHEN YOU SAME AS THEM WHEN YOU USING UNDERHANDED TACTICS TO KEEP YOUR OWN JOBS . COULD YOU ALSO EXPLAIN AS YOU FAILED TO IN ORIGINAL REQUEST WHY WHEN SANCTIONED FOR FOUR WEEKS WHY AFTER YOUR FOUR WEEK ILLEGAL SANCTION HAS ENDED IT TAKES ANOTHER FOUR WEEKS TO BE PAID SO IN FACT AIN'T A FOUR WEEK SANCTION IT ACTUALLY ENDS UP BEING EIGHT WEEKS . ALSO WHEN I WAS WORKING I PAVED INTO THE SYSTEM SO WHEN UNEMPLOYED I WOULD RECEIVE ASSISTANCE WHAT GIVES YOU THE GOD DAM RIGHT TO ACT AS GOD FOR WHAT I PAID IN SYSTEM TO BENEFIT WHEN UNEMPLOYED AS THAT SHOULD BE CHALLENGED IN COURT AS WE PAY INTO SYSTEM FOR HELP WHEN UNEMPLOYED NOT TO HAVE BIAS DWP ADVISORS ILLEGALLY SANCTIONING US TO KEEP FIGURES LOW AND TO KEEP OWN JOBS AND PUBLIC KNOW THAT YOU ARE DOING IT TO ?

DWP response

I believe that the original response provided an adequate explanation of the rationale behind benefit sanctions. It may however be helpful to add that the legal basis for Jobseekers Allowance (JSA) sanctions and disallowances can be found – primarily - within the Jobseekers Act 1995 and the Jobseekers Allowance (Sanctions) (Amendment) Regulations 2012. Both sets of legislation are publicly available on www.legislation.gov.uk.

Far from sanctions being illegal, the legislation is clear that where claimants fail to meet a condition of entitlement or a mandatory requirement, without good reason, entitlement to benefit must be ended and / or a sanction imposed (depending on the failure in question). Jobcentre Plus staff have no discretion in this matter.

You are correct that the original response did not directly address your query on four week sanctions. I believe you may be referring to the new sanctions system introduced in October 2012 by the regulations referred to above. Under this system if a claim is disallowed, because the claimant was not meeting the conditions of entitlement to actively seek or be available for work, then no benefit will be payable for a specific period of time. If an individual re-applies within that time period, a sanction will be applied to their claim, preventing benefit being paid until the full time period elapsed. The explanatory memorandum to the October regulations provides a full explanation of the new sanctions system. This is publicly available on the legislation.gov.uk website (the specific link is <http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukxi/2012/2568/resources>).