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Information request

How many people have found work in the adult entertainment industry or sex industry through Jobcentres or the Work Programme in the latest period for which figures are available.

DWP response

The Government took action to ensure jobs in the adult entertainment industry which might exploit jobseekers were not advertised through Jobcentre Plus. The Welfare Reform Act 2012 ensured that vacancies which involve performing sexual activities were banned from being advertised on Government websites and a distinction was made in law to differentiate between performers and ancillary workers, those people selling (retailing), manufacturing and distributing of adult entertainment products and Ancillary staff e.g. cleaners and bar staff. Jobcentre Plus work coaches are specifically guided to only discuss these vacancies with claimants who ask about them.

I can confirm the Department does hold some of the information falling within the description specified in your request, but this is not held centrally for ancillary workers. Any information our jobcentres/providers keep would not be captured under 'adult entertainment' but would be under the correct classification of the job eg 'ancillary', 'facilities management', 'retail' etc.

However, we estimate that the cost of complying with your request would exceed the appropriate limit of £600. The appropriate limit has been specified in regulations and for central Government it is set at £600. This represents the estimated cost of one person spending 3½ working days in determining whether the Department holds the information, and locating, retrieving and extracting the information. Under section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act the Department is not obliged to comply with your request and we will not be processing your request further.