

Freedom of Information request 318/2013

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Information request

Dear Department for Work and Pensions,

Can you please tell me:

1. How many Claimants were referred to the Peterlee Workclub at The Upper Chare, Castle Dene Shopping Centre using a Jobseeker's Direction between 1/4/12 to 31/8/12.
2. How many of these Claimants were sanctioned?

DWP response

The role of Jobcentre Plus is to signpost claimants rather than refer to Work Clubs.

I can confirm that the department does not hold the information requested. To collect this information would entail contacting each claimant who had been signposted to ask them where they had been signposted to. 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.