

# Freedom of Information request 3938/2013

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## Information request

*Please can I have the skills conditionality referrals data by each individual Jobcentreplus centre further categorised by district for the past three years.*

*If three years is not possible then for the past 18 Months data should be held with district managers.*

- 1) Can this be separated by NCS, Initial Provider Interview and Training.*
- 2) If possible can a separate excel sheet also by month include referrals, to which organisation / college / provider, actual starts and failed to starts etc - If this information exists.*

## DWP response

Skills Conditionality (SC) policy was introduced from August 2011. Claimants who are required to actively seek or prepare for work can be mandated to undertake activity to address an identified skills need which will aid their movement into work. The policy is designed to ensure that claimants referred to careers advice (in England only) or skills training that will help them, actually start and finish the course. SC applies only to those receiving Jobseeker's Allowance or Employment and Support Allowance (work-related activity group).

A referral to SC is defined as the date the claimant is referred to an initial provider interview, training provision or the National Careers Service recorded within their adviser interview. This was inputted by the adviser to the Jobcentre Plus' Labour Market System. A start on SC is defined as the first date the claimant commenced an initial provider interview, training provision or the National Careers Service. The number of starts was based on the individual claimant level data supplied by Further Education Colleges, training providers and the National Careers Service and entered by an adviser onto the Jobcentre Plus' Labour Market System. Providers may submit data on starts some time after the actual event occurred.

The information requested for the first question can be found in the attachment.