

Freedom of Information request 2013-3101

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Information request

Information request for Swansea

Children aged 0-15 on DLA by LSOA

We would like to calculate the proportion of children aged 0-15 that are receiving DLA by LSOA of residence. We have seen that numbers of children aged 0-15 on DLA are published on your website [here](#). Unfortunately the published figures are rounded. If the numbers of claimants were large then this would not be a big issue but majority of LSOAs range from 0 to 15 claimants and so rounding is going to make a noticeable difference for some areas. Therefore, could you please supply the unrounded numbers of children aged 0-15 on DLA by LSOA for 2011? We won't be releasing the proportions, they will be used to feed into a model for health assets.

Number of people in receipt of IS Disability Premium, AA, DLA, SDA, IB as an age and sex standardised rates of the total resident population by LSOA.

This is another indicator we would like to produce to feed into the health assets model mentioned above and as before this would not be released as an indicator in its own right. We have been unable to find the required information on your website. Therefore, could you please provide:

- Number of people in receipt of IS Disability Premium, AA, DLA, SDA or IB
- by age (quinary age bands for use to calculate standardised rates i.e. 0-4, 5-9, 10-14, 15-19,80-84, 85+)
- by sex

and by LSOA of residence

DWP response

In response to your query for unrounded numbers,

As noted, the figures provided in the published statistics have been rounded using the standard and usual method of disclosure control used by the Department.

Producers of statistics have a responsibility for confidentiality protection of released data. The Code of Practice for Official Statistics

(<http://www.statisticsauthority.gov.uk/assessment/code-of-practice/>)

specifically Principle 5 and National Statistician's guidance: Confidentiality of Official Statistics (<http://www.statisticsauthority.gov.uk/national-statistician/ns-reports--reviews-and-guidance/national-statistician-s-guidance/index.html>) set out principles for protecting data.

These principles include producers of official statistics ensuring that the standard disclosure control methods are applied.

As such the information requested is being withheld as it falls under the exemption in section 40(2) of the Freedom of Information Act. This exemption covers personal information about a third party. Disclosure of this information would breach the right to privacy contrary to the Data Protection Act.

More information on disclosure control can be found at:

<http://www.ons.gov.uk/ons/guide-method/best-practice/disclosure-control-policy-for-tables/index.html>

Whilst this information cannot be supplied in answer to a Freedom of Information, a data sharing request for access to this data could be made to DWP. The Department would have to consider amongst others the legality and risks of a proposed data share and compliance with the Data Protection Act and Human Rights Act

This process takes a minimum of 4 weeks for the approvals stage and if approved would then be assessed and prioritised alongside other data sharing work so timescales cannot be agreed until then. The starting point of this process involves getting a DWP sponsor whose role is to make sure that data sharing has a clear link with Departmental or cross-government business objectives and to ensure that the proposal is actively managed within DWP.

Should you wish to proceed with this please let us know and we can provide details for potential suitable sponsors for you to contact.

In response to the second part of your query; information on the number of claimants in receipt of any of Attendance Allowance (AA), Disability Living Allowance (DLA), Incapacity Benefit (IB) / Severe Disablement Allowance (SDA) or Income Support (IS) with a Disability Premium in Swansea Local Authority by Lower Super Output Area (LSOA) as at November 2012 can be found in attached document (FOI 2013-3101 Response.xls). Separate breakdowns by the specified age bands and by gender are also provided.