

## Freedom of Information request 2014-2037

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### Information request

I would like to amend my foi request to

How many people with inborn errors of amino acid metabolism are receiving dla

Also

How many have had dla stopped

How many have gone to tribunal and won/lost

How many reapplied and been accepted

### DWP response

In response to your query on the number of people receiving Disability Living Allowance who have a main disabling condition recorded of "Disorders of Amino acid metabolism", the statistics we have available are given below. Please note that due to the way the information is held on our system this is the lowest level of detail available.

From October 2008 the way in which disabling condition is recorded on the computer system changed. Previously "Disorders of Amino acid metabolism" cases were recorded under the general heading of "Metabolic Disease". Although they are now recorded separately, many people are still recorded under the general heading of "Metabolic Disease".

### Disability Living Allowance cases in payment, by condition - August 2013

Amino acid metabolism, disorders of (since Oct 2008)	590
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**Source:** DWP Information Governance and Security: Work and Pensions Longitudinal Study

#### Notes:

1. Caseload figures are rounded to the nearest ten and the latest data available is to August 2013.

2. Totals show the number of people in receipt of an allowance, and exclude people with entitlement where the payment has been suspended, for example if they are in hospital.
3. Where more than one disability is present only the main disabling condition is recorded.
4. From October 2008 the way in which disabling condition is recorded on the live system changed, introducing a more detailed breakdown of conditions. Some cases however, are still recorded under the previous, more general system.
5. A diagnosed medical condition does not mean that someone is automatically entitled to DLA. Entitlement is dependent on an assessment of how much help someone needs with personal care and/or mobility because of their disability.

In response to the remainder of your query regarding disallowances, reapplications and appeals, we can confirm that the Department does hold some information falling within the description specified in your requests. However, information on the specific condition you have requested is not held on the datasets available for analysis and to provide an answer to your query we would have to search paper records for all relevant Disability Living Allowance cases. Therefore we estimate that the cost of complying with your requests 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 (FOIA) the Department is not obliged to comply with your requests and we will not be processing your requests further.

Under section 16 of the FOIA we are obliged to assist you in providing options to narrow your request, by reforming or refocusing it, so that it will fall beneath the cost limit. In this case our advice would be to narrow your question so that it only asks for information on those people who have ceased claiming DLA (known as off-flows).

Please note that since 8 April 2013 adults can no longer apply for DLA as this has been replaced by Personal Independence Payment (PIP). Further information on the PIP application process can be found here:

<https://www.gov.uk/pip>

Further information on PIP statistics can be found here:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/personal-independence-payment-statistics>

You may find it useful to know that Disability Living Allowance tribunals are the responsibility of Her Majesty's Courts and Tribunal Service (HMCTS) who publish information here:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/tribunals-statistics>

Information on how to raise a Freedom of Information Request with HMCTS can be found towards the bottom of this page:

<https://www.justice.gov.uk/information-access-rights/foi-requests/make-an-foi-request-online>