

# Freedom of Information request 2014-568

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## Information request

I have a query about the categories you use to describe the Main Disabling Condition as part of the Disability Learning Allowance stats.

In Scotland there have been calls to extend the eligibility criteria for Blue Badges to those with a mental / learning / development disability to include conditions such as autism or dementia. I've been using at your tabulation tool to figure out the numbers of those who might be able to passport under the Lower Rate of the Mobility Award Type, should the eligibility criteria be extended.

I'm specifically interested in the following categories: *Learning Difficulties, Psychosis, Psychoneurosis, Personality Disorder, Dementia, Behavioural Disorder, Severely Mentally Impaired and Cognitive disorder – other / precise diagnosis not specified*. What many those categories don't show is what specific conditions do they include, for example which one would cover Autism if any? I was wondering if you could provide guidance on the definitions behind the categories and, if possible, breakdowns within them please so that I can see the latest available Scottish figures for Main Disabling Condition (including any subcategories within that), tabulated by Mobility Award Type.

## DWP response

In response to your question, with regards to the Main Disabling Condition subcategories on the Tabulation Tool, definitions for the categories you specified can be found in the table below.

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| Learning Difficulties | Learning Difficulties *                        |
|                       | Down's syndrome                                |
|                       | Fragile X syndrome                             |
|                       | Learning disability - Other / type not known   |
|                       | Autism   |
|                       | Asperger syndrome                              |
|                       | Retts disorder                                 |
| Psychosis             | Psychosis *                                    |
|                       | Depressive disorder                            |
|                       | Bipolar affective disorder (Hypomania / Mania) |
|                       | Mood disorders - Other / type not known        |

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|  | Schizophrenia   |
|  | Schizoaffective disorder                                    |
|  | Psychotic disorders - Other / type not known                |
| Psychoneurosis   | Psychoneurosis *  |
|  | Post traumatic stress disorder (PTSD)                       |
|  | Stress reaction disorders - Other / type not known          |
|  | Generalised anxiety disorder                                |
|  | Phobia - Specific   |
|  | Phobia - Social   |
|  | Agoraphobia   |
|  | Panic disorder  |
|  | Anxiety disorders - Other / type not known                  |
|  | Obsessive compulsive disorder (OCD)                         |
|  | Anxiety and depressive disorders - mixed                    |
|  | Conversion disorder (hysteria)                              |
|  | Body dysmorphic disorder (BDD)                              |
|  | Dissociative disorders - Other / type not known             |
|  | Somatoform disorders - Other / type not known               |
| Personality Disorder   | Personality Disorder *                                      |
|  | Personality disorder  |
|  | Munchausen syndrome   |
|  | Factitious disorders - Other / type not known               |
| Dementia   | Dementia *  |
|  | Dementia  |
| Behavioural Disorder   | Behavioural Disorder *                                      |
|  | Anorexia nervosa  |
|  | Bulimia nervosa   |
|  | Eating disorders not otherwise specified (EDNOS)            |
|  | Conduct disorder (including oppositional defiant disorder)  |
|  | Bedwetting (enuresis)                                       |
|  | Faecal soiling (encopresis)                                 |
|  | Psychiatric disorders of childhood - Other / type not known |
| Severely Mentally impaired                                   | Severely Mentally Impaired (SMI) *                          |
| Cognitive disorder - other / precise diagnosis not specified | Cognitive disorders - Other / type not known                |

Please note that due to improvements on the DLA computer system, for all new cases from October 2008 we are able to record more specific medical diagnosis. Where an \* is used above, the case started prior to 2008 and is recorded under the old system and is therefore grouped.

Below are the latest figures available for Scotland, broken down by Mobility Award Type for the conditions mentioned above.

### **Disability Living Allowance - all entitled cases - Caseload by Main Disabling Condition and Mobility Award Type in Scotland: August 2013**

|                              |              | Mobility Award Type |             |            |          |
|------------------------------|--------------|---------------------|-------------|------------|----------|
|                              |              | All                 | Higher Rate | Lower Rate | Nil Rate |
| <b>Learning Difficulties</b> | <b>Total</b> | 39,360              | 5,590       | 30,540     | 3,220    |

|                             |   |        |       |        |       |
|-----------------------------|---|--------|-------|--------|-------|
|                             | <b>Learning Difficulties *</b>                            | 16,500 | 3,320 | 12,450 | 720   |
|                             | <b>Down's syndrome</b>                                    | 1,290  | 550   | 560    | 190   |
|                             | <b>Fragile X syndrome</b>                                 | 120    | 20    | 80     | 10    |
|                             | <b>Learning disability - Other / type not known</b>       | 10,580 | 1,000 | 8,300  | 1,290 |
|                             | <b>Autism</b>   | 6,860  | 640   | 5,420  | 800   |
|                             | <b>Asperger syndrome</b>                                  | 3,980  | 40    | 3,720  | 220   |
|                             | <b>Retts disorder</b>                                     | 30     | 20    | 10     | -     |
| <b>Psychosis</b>            | <b>Total</b>  | 30,260 | 1,240 | 26,480 | 2,530 |
|                             | <b>Psychosis *</b>  | 9,280  | 530   | 8,110  | 640   |
|                             | <b>Depressive disorder</b>                                | 9,480  | 380   | 7,870  | 1,230 |
|                             | <b>Bipolar affective disorder (Hypomania / Mania)</b>     | 3,750  | 110   | 3,380  | 260   |
|                             | <b>Mood disorders - Other / type not known</b>            | 80     | 10    | 60     | 10    |
|                             | <b>Schizophrenia</b>                                      | 5,230  | 150   | 4,810  | 270   |
|                             | <b>Schizoaffective disorder</b>                           | 800    | 20    | 750    | 40    |
|                             | <b>Psychotic disorders - Other / type not known</b>       | 1,640  | 40    | 1,510  | 80    |
| <b>Psychoneurosis</b>       | <b>Total</b>  | 27,280 | 1,890 | 23,720 | 1,670 |
|                             | <b>Psychoneurosis *</b>                                   | 10,120 | 1,440 | 7,870  | 810   |
|                             | <b>Post traumatic stress disorder</b>                     | 1,000  | 40    | 910    | 50    |
|                             | <b>Stress reaction disorders - Other / type not known</b> | 10     | -     | 10     | -     |
|                             | <b>Generalised anxiety disorder</b>                       | 1,210  | 20    | 1,150  | 40    |
|                             | <b>Phobia - Specific</b>                                  | 20     | -     | 10     | 10    |
|                             | <b>Phobia - Social</b>                                    | 190    | -     | 180    | -     |
|                             | <b>Agoraphobia</b>  | 1,120  | 10    | 1,090  | 20    |
|                             | <b>Panic disorder</b>                                     | 690    | 10    | 670    | 10    |
|                             | <b>Anxiety disorders - Other / type not known</b>         | 1,150  | 20    | 1,080  | 50    |
|                             | <b>Obsessive compulsive disorder</b>                      | 440    | 10    | 380    | 50    |
|                             | <b>Anxiety and depressive disorders - mixed</b>           | 11,220 | 290   | 10,290 | 630   |
|                             | <b>Conversion disorder (hysteria)</b>                     | 20     | 10    | -      | -     |
|                             | <b>Body dysmorphic disorder</b>                           | 10     | -     | 10     | -     |
|                             | <b>Dissociative disorders - Other / type not known</b>    | 30     | -     | 20     | -     |
|                             | <b>Somatoform disorders - Other / type not known</b>      | 50     | 20    | 20     | -     |
| <b>Personality Disorder</b> | <b>Total</b>  | 1,610  | 70    | 1,420  | 120   |
|                             | <b>Personality Disorder *</b>                             | 320    | 30    | 260    | 20    |
|                             | <b>Personality disorder</b>                               | 1,290  | 40    | 1,160  | 100   |
|                             | <b>Munchausen syndrome</b>                                | -      | -     | -      | -     |
|                             | <b>Factitious disorders - Other / type not known</b>      | -      | -     | -      | -     |
| <b>Dementia</b>             | <b>Total</b>  | 2,090  | 750   | 1,250  | 90    |
|                             | <b>Dementia *</b>   | 720    | 270   | 440    | 10    |
|                             | <b>Dementia</b>   | 1,360  | 480   | 810    | 80    |
| <b>Behavioural Disorder</b> | <b>Total</b>  | 3,650  | 280   | 2,510  | 860   |
|                             | <b>Behavioural Disorder *</b>                             | 1,330  | 150   | 1,010  | 160   |

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|---|--|---------|---------|--------|--------|
|   | <b>Anorexia nervosa</b>  | 280     | 50      | 130    | 90     |
|   | <b>Bulimia nervosa</b>   | 40      | -       | 20     | 10     |
|   | <b>Eating disorders not otherwise specified</b>                    | 60      | 10      | 20     | 30     |
|   | <b>Conduct disorder (including oppositional defiant disorder)</b>  | 40      | -       | 30     | -      |
|   | <b>Bedwetting (enuresis)</b>                                       | 50      | -       | 10     | 40     |
|   | <b>Faecal soiling (encopresis)</b>                                 | 90      | 10      | 20     | 60     |
|   | <b>Psychiatric disorders of childhood - Other / type not known</b> | 1,770   | 50      | 1,250  | 460    |
| <b>Severely Mentally impaired</b>                                   | <b>Total</b>   | 1,660   | 1,650   | 10     | -      |
|   | <b>Severely Mentally Impaired *</b>                                | 1,660   | 1,650   | 10     | -      |
| <b>Cognitive disorder - other / precise diagnosis not specified</b> | <b>Total</b>   | 220     | 60      | 140    | 30     |
|   | <b>Cognitive disorders - Other / type not known</b>                | 220     | 60      | 140    | 30     |
| <b>Other Condition</b>  | <b>Total</b>   | 245,670 | 180,410 | 35,760 | 29,500 |

**Source:** DWP Information, Governance and Security Directorate 100% WPLS

**Notes:**

1. Figures are rounded to the nearest 10, totals may not sum due to rounding.
2. 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. These statistics are only collected for administrative purposes.
3. Where someone has more than one diagnosis or disabling condition, only the predominant one is currently recorded.
4. The DLA Figures show both the number of people in receipt of an allowance and those with entitlement where the payment has been suspended, for example if they are in hospital.
5. The Department publishes information on benefit claimants, these figures are available at:- <http://tabulation-tool.dwp.gov.uk/100pc/tabtool.html>