

# Freedom of Information request 2013-5463

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## Information request

The number of people claiming Employment Support Allowance (ESA), Incapacity Benefit/Severe Disablement Allowance (IB/SDA) and Disability Living Allowance (DLA) with a main disabling condition of:

- Alcoholism
- Drug Abuse

I am looking for the information in the LINCOLN area only, please.

## DWP response

In response to your request for “the number of people claiming Employment Support Allowance (ESA) and Incapacity Benefit/Severe Disablement Allowance (IB/SDA) with a main disabling condition of Alcoholism or Drug Abuse” please see the response we gave to your previous Freedom of Information request on 5<sup>th</sup> December 2013 (ref: 2013-5292).

The information requested for Disability Living Allowance (DLA) is given in the table below:

### Disability Living Allowance (DLA), cases in payment with Drug and Alcohol misuse as the main disabling condition by Area: May 2013.

	Area	Total	Drug/Alcohol misuse	Other Diagnosis
May 2013	GB	3,305,200	21,630	3,283,570
	Lincoln	5,660	20	5,640

**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. The medical condition recorded on the claim form does not itself confer entitlement to benefit. So, for example, a decision on entitlement for a customer claiming on the basis of drugs misuse would be based on their ability to carry out the range of activities assessed by the Personal

/ Work Capability Assessment. Please also note that where someone has more than one diagnosis or disabling condition, only the predominant one is currently recorded.

3. Great Britain total includes a small number of cases who are resident abroad.
4. The area for Lincoln is Lincoln Local Authority.
5. The DLA Figures show the number of people in receipt of an allowance, and excludes cases where the payment has been suspended e.g. if they are in hospital.
6. 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.

The Department publishes information on benefit claimants, these figures are available at: - <http://tabulation-tool.dwp.gov.uk/100pc/tabtool.html>