

Freedom of Information request 2013-5425

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Information request

Please provide me with the following information:

How many people in Merseyside (Liverpool, Sefton, St Helens, Wirral) have been placed on the Welfare To Work programme since its inception?

Please provide me with information as to how many work of these people have been placed with Work Programme providers in Merseyside since the scheme's inception.

Please also provide me with information as to how many people have failed to complete either the Welfare to Work programme or their placement at a Work Programme provider.

What sanctions are available to the DWP for failure to complete a Welfare to Work programme or a placement with a Work Programme provider, and how many sanctions have been imposed on people in Merseyside.

Finally, can you provide me with a list of Work Programme providers in Merseyside.

DWP response

Section 21 of the Freedom of Information Act allows us to direct you to information which is already reasonably accessible to you.

The Department publishes Official Statistics on referrals to the Work Programme through its Tabulation Tool, which allows you to design your own tables.

To produce the statistics to answer parts 1 and 2 of your request, go to the Tabulation Tool via the link below and follow the instructions provided.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/department-for-work-pensions/series/dwp-statistics-tabulation-tool>

1. Select the **Work Programme tabulation tool** link under Employment programmes.

2. Under Benefit/Scheme, select **Work Programme: Cumulative figures**.
3. Under Analysis, select **Referrals (Thousands)**.
4. Under Row, select **Local Authority**.
5. Under Column, select **Contract**.
6. Under Subset, select **NONE**.
7. Under Date, June 2013 is the latest data available for analysis and the information produced will be cumulative from June 2011 when the Work Programme was launched throughout Great Britain.

The information for part 3 of your request on the number of people who have failed to complete the Work Programme can be found in **Table B.1** of the publication “ **Work Programme Official Statistics to June 2013**” at: https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/245184/work-programme-statistical-release-sep13.pdf

Providers are expected to deliver 104 weeks of continuous support regardless of whether a participant changes benefits, or moves into employment, unless a participant completes early.

For information on what constitutes an early completer see chapter 10 of the Provider Guidance at the following link:

<http://www.dwp.gov.uk/docs/wp-pg-chapter-10.pdf>

Participants complete the Work Programme when they have either completed 104 weeks on the scheme or achieved the maximum number of sustainment payments permitted (see table in section 1.6 for information on the maximum number of sustainment payments which can be achieved).

In response to part 4 of your request, a sanction can be applied for ‘Failing to participate in Work Programme’. To produce the relevant statistics from June 2011 to October 2012, revisit the Tabulation Tool via the link and follow the instructions provided:

1. Select the **before 22 October 2012 – JSA sanction and disallowances** link under **Sanctions and disallowances**.
2. Under Benefit/Scheme, select **Referrals where a decision has been made for fixed length sanctions (by number of referrals)**.
3. Under Analysis, select **Thousands**.
4. Under Row, select **Local Authority of claimant**.
5. Under Column, select **Reason for referral**.
6. Under Subset, select **Whether a decision was Adverse**.
7. Under Subset, select **Adverse**.
8. Under Date, October 2012 is the latest data available for analysis prior to the introduction of the new sanction rules. The information produced includes the number of sanctions applied for “Failed to participate in

Work Programme” and these will be cumulative from June 2011 when the Work Programme was launched throughout Great Britain.

Guidance on how to use the tabulation tool can be found at:-

https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/203439/tab-tool-guidance.pdf

The relevant statistics from October 2012 to June 2013, the latest data we have, is shown in the table below:

Number of JSA sanctions applied for failure to participate in the Work Programme, by local authority in Merseyside, October 2012 to June 2013	
Total for Merseyside	5,540
Liverpool	2,180
Sefton	1,320
St Helens	1,220
Wirral	820

Source: DWP Information, Governance and Security Directorate: JSA Sanctions and Disallowance Decisions Statistics Database

Notes:

1. Figures are rounded to the nearest ten.
2. **Sanctions applied:** New sanctions rules came into force for JSA from 22nd October 2012. The number of sanctions applied is the number of low level sanctions referrals with an adverse decision for refusal, without good cause, to participate in the Work Programme.

Please note that due to an issue with the raw data the relevant information for June 2012 to 21st October 2012 is not available within cost.

Finally the information you requested for a list of Work Programme providers in the Merseyside contract area is shown in the table below. There are two “Prime Providers”, Action for Employment LTD (A4E) and Ingeus UK LTD. There are also a number of “Sub-contract providers” which are also shown in the table.

Prime provider	Sub-contract provider
Ingeus	Action for Blind People
A4e	Addaction
A4e	Advanced Personnel Management UK
A4e	Age UK
A4e	Apex Trust
A4e	Aspire Sporting Academy

A4e	Avanta Enterprise Limited (TNG)
A4e	Baltic Recruitment Services
A4e	Big Life Company Ltd
A4e	Blackpool and Fylde College
A4e	Blackpool Council
A4e	Bootstrap Company Blackburn Limited
Ingeus	Bootstrap Company Blackburn Limited
A4e	Business in the Community
A4e	Can We
A4e	Carlisle College
A4e	Carlisle eden mind
A4e	Clarion Interpreting Ltd
Ingeus	Clarion Interpreting Ltd
A4e	Clinton Training
A4e	Connexions Greater Merseyside
A4e	CPL Training Ltd
A4e	Croftlands Trust
A4e	CX Ltd T/A The Via Partnership
A4e	Discover
A4e	Eden Mencap
A4e	Eldonian Group Ltd
A4e	Elect
A4e	Elmfield Training
A4e	Everton in the Community
Ingeus	Everton in the Community
A4e	Exchange Group
A4e	Expert Patients Programme Community Interest Company (EPP CIC)
A4e	FLT Training (Liverpool)
A4e	Gingerbread Ltd
A4e	Glenmore Trust
A4e	Group Horizons Ltd
A4e	Halton Borough Council (Halton People into Jobs)
Ingeus	Halton Borough Council (Halton People into Jobs)
A4e	Harvest Housing Group
A4e	Howgill Family Centre
Ingeus	Inspire 2 Independence (Training) Ltd
Ingeus	JHP Group Ltd
A4e	Khulisa Crime Prevention Initiative
A4e	Kircos
A4e	Knight Training
A4e	Knowsley Works
A4e	Lakes College
Ingeus	Liverpool City Council
A4e	Liverpool Community College
A4e	Liverpool JET Service (Liverpool City Council)
A4e	Liverpool Lighthouse

Ingeus	Liverpool Specialist Advice Services
Ingeus	Local Solutions
A4e	MBW Training
A4e	Middleton Murray
A4e	Muslim Enterprise Development Service
Ingeus	NACRO
A4e	Neurosupport
A4e	Pearson in Practice
Ingeus	Pertemps People Development Group Ltd
Ingeus	Phoenix House
A4e	PHX Training
A4e	Pinewood Enterprise Training Service
A4e	Priority Management Ltd
A4e	Prism
A4e	Relate
Ingeus	Richmond Fellowship
A4e	Right Track Training
Ingeus	Royal Mencap Society
A4e	RPS Training Services
A4e	Sahir House
A4e	Sefton @ Work (Also known as Sefton Council)
A4e	Sefton CVS - Vola
Ingeus	Sencia Ltd
A4e	South Sefton Development Trust
Ingeus	St Helens Chamber Ltd
A4e	TCV Enterprises
Ingeus	TCV Enterprises
A4e	The Football League Trust
A4e	The Living Well Trust
A4e	The Prince's Initiative for Mature Enterprise (PRIME)
A4e	The Safety Train
A4e	The Social Partnership
A4e	Tomorrow's People Trust Ltd
A4e	Training Strategies
A4e	Turning Point
Ingeus	Ufi Ltd
A4e	Vedas Recruitment & Training Ltd
A4e	West Cumbria Trades Hall
A4e	Youth Action

Further information can be found here:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/work-programme-guidance-for-employers-and-providers>