

# **Freedom of Information request 2014-2752**

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## **Information request**

### **1. Introduction**

Following release of the 12 June 2014 issue of the DWP quarterly official statistics bulletin 'Employment and Support Allowance: Outcomes of Work Capability Assessments, Great Britain', RNIB is requesting ad hoc analysis relating to claimants who are blind or partially sighted.

#### **1.2 Definition of blind and partially sighted**

DWP administrative data has a category 'Diseases of the Eye and Adnexa'. As this includes some acute medical conditions that do not cause vision impairment we would like all analyses of DWP data carried out for RNIB to exclude these acute conditions.

A full list of the conditions that are and are not included in the category is given in the appendix.

Throughout this document, claimants with Diseases of the Eye and Adnexa with conditions that are associated with vision impairment (as detailed in the appendix) will be referred to as blind and partially sighted people.

### **2. Questions for analysis**

We are requesting further breakdown of the following tables, to provide details of outcomes for blind and partially sighted people.

We would like the analysis to be broken down by each of the 10 non-acute conditions in Diseases of the Eye and Adnexa detailed in Appendix A. If this is not possible we would like H54 (Blindness and low vision) to be presented as one category and the remaining 9 non-acute conditions to be treated as a single category.

For each of the tables detailed below, we are requesting outcomes for the whole period to date, as presented in the published table. We do not require a breakdown on a monthly or quarterly basis.

We have requested statistics for Great Britain only. It would be very helpful to us if it were possible to further sub-divide by country

#### **2.1 List of tables**

- Table 1a / table 7: New claims - Outcomes of initial functional assessment by month of claim start, Great Britain (this information is presented in table 7 split into ISD (2010) Condition Groups but we are requesting a further breakdown into sub-groups, as detailed above, for Diseases of the Eye and Adnexa)
- Table 2a: New Claims – Outcomes of initial functional assessments that were completed by month of assessment
- Table 3: New claims - outcomes of appeals heard on Fit for Work decisions in initial functional assessment by month of claim start, Great Britain
- Table 4: New claims - outcomes of initial functional assessment adjusted to account for the outcome of appeal by month of claim start, Great Britain
- Table 5: New Claims: Support Group at functional assessment initially or after appeal split into reasons for assignment by month of claim start, Great Britain
- Table 6: New claims – Work Related Activity Group at functional assessment initially or after appeal split into reasons for assignment by month of claim start, Great Britain
- Table 8: New claims - Work Related Activity Group (15 points or more) at functional assessment split into functional impairments by date of claim start, Great Britain
- Table 10: Incapacity Benefits Reassessments - Outcomes of Work Capability Assessments adjusted to account for the outcome of appeal by month of referral, Great Britain

## Appendix A

Diseases of the Eye and Adnexa (ICD10): Conditions that are associated with vision impairment

The list below is taken from the DWP category 'Diseases of the Eye and Adnexa'. Because this includes some acute medical conditions that do not cause vision impairment, we have removed the acute conditions from the Diseases of the Eye and Adnexa category and would like analysis of DWP data to include only those people with the following 10 conditions:

- H16 - Keratitis (inflammation of the cornea)
- H20 - Iridocyclitis (acute inflammatory disease of the anterior segment)
- H26 - Other cataract
- H33 - Retinal detachment and breaks
- H40 – Glaucoma

- H44 - Disorders of the globe
- H47 - Other disorders of the optic (2nd) nerve and visual pathways
- H54 - Visual impairment including blindness (binocular or monocular) (Blindness and low vision)
- H55 - Nystagmus and other irregular eye movement
- H57 - Other disorders of the eye and adnexa

Acute conditions that have been removed from the Diseases of the Eye and Adnexa category

- Hordeolum and chalazion (these are inflammatory eye disorders)
- Other inflammation of the eyelid
- Conjunctivitis
- Foreign body on external Eye
- Other Inflammation of Eyelid"

## **DWP response**

In response to your query, the requested statistical tables broken down by the 10 non-acute conditions in the "Diseases of the Eye and Adnexa" and country can be found in the attached Excel spreadsheet (FOI 2014-2752 Response.xls).