

# Freedom of Information request 2014-4775

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## Information request

Please provide information on the number of people at Stockport Jobcentre Plus office referred to the Work Programme who have found employment lasting more than one year based on the number of sustainment payments received.

## DWP response

In response to your query, information on the number of people at Stockport Jobcentre Plus office who have been referred to the Work Programme, had a job outcome payment and have found employment lasting longer than one year based on the number of sustainment payments received, cumulatively up to 30 June 2014, which is the latest data available, can be found in the table below.

### Number of Work Programme Job Outcomes by Employment Duration, Stockport Jobcentre Plus office: 1 June 2011 - 30 June 2014

Jobcentre Plus office	Employment Duration
	Over one year
Stockport	850

**Source:** 100% DWP Work Programme data.

#### Notes:

1. Figures are rounded to the nearest ten.
2. Employment duration is defined as the number of weeks required to claim a Job Outcome plus the number of weeks for which sustainment payments have been made. Those in employment for over a year will include claimants in payment groups 1, 2 and 9 who have a job outcome payment and 7 or more sustainment payments (at least 54 weeks in employment) and those from payment groups 3-8 with a job outcome and at least 10 sustainment payments (at least 53 weeks in employment).
3. Payment Group: Payment groups are assigned by Jobcentre Plus, on the basis of a claimant's circumstances, and benefit they receive. Payment group 9 is the JSA Ex-Offender Day 1 Mandation group and a

Job Outcome payment can be claimed at 26 weeks. Details of the payment groups 1-8 can be found at Annex 1 of the following document: <http://www.dwp.gov.uk/docs/wp-pg-chapter-9.pdf>

4. Job Outcome payments: A Job Outcome payment can be claimed when:
  - a. There has been a either continuous or cumulative period of employment (Job Outcome payment trigger point) of 13 weeks for Payment Groups 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8 and 26 weeks for Payment Groups 1, 2 and 9;
  - b. A participant has been in employment and off benefit in each week of the period (a week is defined as a 7 day period); and
  - c. The Job Outcome is after the Job Start date, i.e. a Job Outcome payment can only be claimed when a participant starts a Job after Attachment Activity has been recorded on DWP prescribed IT or clerical system.
5. Sustainment payments: Providers can only claim a Sustainment payment where:
  - a. A Job Outcome has been reported;
  - b. Four continuous weeks in employment have elapsed between the Job Outcome payment date and the Sustainment payment date, or between the previous Sustainment payment date and the current Sustainment payment date.
  - c. A participant has been in employment and off benefit each week (a week is defined as a 7 day period) in the four week period; and
  - d. 15 working days have passed since the last date of the period being claimed.
  - e. Following a break in employment after the 104 weeks Allotted Time providers will no longer be eligible to receive a Sustainment payment (a break is defined as when a participant leaves employment for 2 days or more, even if they remain off benefit).