

Freedom of Information request 2014-155

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Information request

I would be grateful if you could provide me with DLA claimants with Drug/Alcohol problems by local authority and sex

DWP response

Please note a diagnosed medical condition does not mean that someone is automatically entitled to Disability Living Allowance (DLA). Entitlement is dependent on an assessment of how much help someone needs with personal care and/or mobility because of their disability. For example, a customer would not be awarded DLA on the basis of a diagnosis of drug/alcohol misuse the decision is based upon the care/supervision and difficulty getting around as a result of the substance dependency and any associated physical or psychological complications.

The number of DLA cases in payment with Drug and Alcohol misuse as the main disabling condition in Great Britain and all Local Authorities by gender in May 2013 can be found in the attached spreadsheet **FOI 2014-155**

Response.xls