FOI 23/556

Dear

Thank you for your email of 14 July where you have asked

"Please could you kindly let me know what the: figures / statistics / data / numbers / evidence / facts show for Personal Independence Payment (PIP) being awarded to those people who have a rare Syndactyly disability (Fusion of Fingers)?

Regarding Diversity, Equality and Inclusion, I would really like to know where abouts Syndactyly disability fits into it"

We confirm that we do not hold this information.

We wanted to explain that if this is a benefit, we can only report on payments made via our payroll, and a benefit would not be paid via payroll. We do not hold any records with a reference to "PIP" or Personal Independence Payment.

We suggest you may wish to contact the Department of work and Pensions for this information.

https://www.gov.uk/guidance/contact-the-department-for-work-and-pensions-about-its-policies

We also confirm that we do not capture information in Fusion on Syndactyly disability, just whether a person has a Physical Impairment.

If you disagree with how we have interpreted the Freedom of Information Act 2000 in answering your request, you can ask for an internal review. Please reply to this email, within two months of this reply, specifying that you would like an Internal Review to be carried out.

Please remember to quote the reference number above in any future communications.

If you were to remain dissatisfied with the outcome of the internal review, you would have the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. Please bear in mind that the Information Commissioner will not normally review our handling of your request unless you have first contacted us to conduct an internal review. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at:

Information Commissioner's Office Wycliffe House Water Lane Wilmslow Cheshire SK9 5AF

Yours sincerely

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