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**DWP Website** 

Our Ref: FOI2022/33564

30 May 2022

Dear Alex Homer,

Thank you for your Freedom of Information (FoI) request received on 3 May. You wrote:

"I would be grateful if you would treat the following correspondence as a request for disclosure of the following information, under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 ("Fol").

Description of information sought:

- \* Please provide the number of Personal Independence Payment (PIP) claims on the caseload at 30 April 2020, 30 April 2021 and 30 April 2022 and at 31 January 2020, 31 January 2021 and 31 January 2022, which were suspended for all or part of that quarter with the reason recorded on the PIP Computer System as "Hospitalisation/Certain Other Accommodation" or "Hospitalisation / Other Accommodation Ongoing Enquiry". Please breakdown those data by the claimant's primary disabling condition and by Local Authority.
- \* Please include claims made under normal rules and special rules for terminally-ill claimants and include PIP new claims and Disability Living Allowance (DLA) to PIP reassessment claims.
- \* Please provide these data in an .xlsx/.xls/.csv file format so I am capable to re-use them as per Section 11 of Fol."

## **DWP Response**

We confirm that we do hold the information you have requested.

A copy of the information is provided in an .xlsx file, as requested.

Please note that the data provided reflects the position on suspensions as recorded on the Personal Independence Payment (PIP) analytical data system as at 3 May 2022. This is subject to revision as the Department receives more information about a claimant's situation.

## **Notes**

- Source: PIP Atomic Data Store
- This is unpublished data. It should be used with caution and it may be subject to future revision.

- Figures include PIP claims where the suspension reason was recorded as "Hospitalisation/Certain Other Accommodation" or "Hospitalisation / Other Accommodation Ongoing Enquiry" on the PIP Computer System. As well as hospitals, this also includes accommodation such as care or nursing homes, hospices, residential colleges, sheltered housing and respite care.
- Data is based on primary disabling condition as recorded on the PIP Computer System at the time the claim was originally cleared. Claimants may often have multiple disabling conditions upon which the decision is based but only the primary condition is shown in these statistics.
- These figures include claims made under normal rules and special rules for terminally ill claimants and include PIP new claims and Disability Living Allowance (DLA) to PIP reassessment claims.
- Figures less than 5 have been redacted and replaced with "#", to ensure that no data are released which could risk the identification of individuals in the statistics. Figures of 5 or greater are rounded to the nearest 10, after all calculations. Therefore, totals may not exactly equal the sum of individual values.
- · Figures are for Great Britain only.

If you have any queries about this letter, please contact us quoting the reference number above.

Yours sincerely,

DWP Central Freedom of Information Team Department for Work and Pensions

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## Your right to complain under the Freedom of Information Act

If you are not happy with this response you may request an internal review by e-mailing <a href="mailto:freedom-of-information-request@dwp.gov.uk">freedom-of-information-request@dwp.gov.uk</a> or by writing to: DWP Central Fol Team, Caxton House, 6-12 Tothill Street, London, SW1H 9NA.

Any review request should be submitted within two months of the date of this letter.

If you are not content with the outcome of the internal review you may apply directly to the Information Commissioner's Office for a decision. Generally, the Commissioner cannot make a decision unless you have exhausted our own complaints procedure. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at: The Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire SK9 5AF.

Website: ICO Contact Information or telephone 0303 123 1113.