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Your Ref: 3036 Reply - errors in presentation?

Our Ref: Fol 3490

Date: 12 September 2018

Dear Ken Butler,

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request received on 15th August 2018 asking for clarification on the figures in your previous request Fol 3036. Please accept our apologies for our mistake and find our revised answer below; which we have updated in line with your observations.

On 2nd July you asked:

We are making the following Freedom of Information Act information request in relation to awards of Personal Independence Payment (PIP) to those receiving Disability Living Allowance (DLA)

Please could you tell us the following.

How many DLA claimants in receipt of its higher mobility component have so far been awarded the enhanced level of PIP moving around support mobility support?

Of those, what percentage were awarded that support because of points from (1) the "moving around" activity, (2) the "planning and following a journey" activity, or (3) a combination of the two?

In addition to the information requested above, could you also inform us:

How many DLA claimants in receipt of its higher mobility component have so far been awarded the standard level of PIP moving around support mobility support; and of those, what percentage were awarded that support because of points from (1) the "moving around" activity, (2) the "planning and following a journey" activity, or (3) a combination of the two?

How many DLA claimants in receipt of the higher mobility rate of DLA have been assessed for eligibility for their Personal Independence Payment?

And on 15th August, you asked:

[..... we do wish to confirm if some errors have been made in the presentation of the percentage of [some of] the awards...]

DWP Response

To be awarded the mobility component of PIP, a claimant must have a physical or mental condition that limits their ability to either plan or follow journeys and/or to move around.

To determine the level of the mobility award, the DWP adds together points scored at assessment in both of the mobility activities. If a claimant scores between 8 and 11 points in total, they will be awarded the mobility component of PIP at the standard rate. If they get at least 12 points in total, they will be awarded the mobility component at the enhanced rate.

Therefore all scores are a combination of both the “planning and following a journey” and the “moving around” activities. I have interpreted your question to mean those claimants who:

- (1) scored points in “moving around” activity but not the “planning and following a journey activity”
- (2) scored points in the “planning and following a journey activity” but not the “moving around activity”
- (3) scored points in both activities

In total 471,000 DLA claimants who were in receipt of the higher mobility rate of DLA had been assessed for Personal Independence Payment by 31st October 2017.

Further information on these claimants can be found on the table “DLA to PIP reassessment outcomes, October 2017” published at the following link:
<https://www.gov.uk/government/statistics/personal-independence-payment-april-2013-to-october-2017>

Of these 471,000 claimants, 244,780 were awarded the Enhanced Mobility rate award under PIP. A further 115,510 were awarded the Standard Mobility rate under PIP.

The tables below show awards for enhanced or standard mobility on PIP which were awarded due to one of or a combination of the mobility activities, “moving around” or “planning and following a journey”.

This is unpublished data. It should be used with caution and it may be subject to future revision. The dataset from which point scores for PIP activities are extracted has not been fully quality assured and is a very complex dataset. Point score data is incomplete for around 1% of cases and so these are not included in the tables below. Please use this data with caution.

Table 1: DLA Higher Mobility Claimants who received Enhanced Mobility under PIP after reassessment by mobility activity

Mobility Activity	Volume	Percentage of total
Planning and following a journey	14,440	6%
Moving around	145,800	60%
Combination of moving around & planning and following a journey	81,690	33%
Total	241,920	100%

Table 2: DLA Higher Mobility Claimants who received Standard Mobility under PIP after reassessment

Mobility Activity	Volume	Percentage of total
Planning and following a journey	1,650	1%
Moving around	107,890	94%
Combination of moving around & planning and following a journey	4,930	4%
Total	114,470	100%

Notes:

1. PIP Reassessment outcome shows the outcome of the first DWP decision on each reassessment claim (i.e. they reflect outcomes prior to any reconsideration, appeal action and award review), where that decision was made between 6th April 2016 and 31st October 2017.
2. Figures include reassessment outcomes for individuals who were aged between 16 and 64 on 8th April 2013, and include both PIP Normal Rules and Special Rules for the Terminally Ill claims.
4. Figures have been rounded to the nearest 10.
5. Totals may not sum due to rounding.
6. Great Britain only.

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Yours sincerely,

DWP Strategy Fol Team

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