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Our Ref: FOI2021/08458

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Dear Owen Stevens,

Thank you for your Freedom of Information (Fol) request received on 2 February. You wrote:

“I have been sent a copy of the UC46 (ref: FOI2021/00269). The UC46 form is no longer used.

Please send me the grace period declaration currently used in the UC system. If these questions do not appear in a single place then please screenshot all the possible questions (or copy and paste or whatever makes most sense).

If some of the questions would only be presented to a claimant based on the answers they have provided to previous questions then please provide screenshots (or copy and paste etc) of all the possible questions.”

DWP Response

Under Section 14(2) of the Fol Act, public authorities are not obliged to comply with a repeat request.

Where a public authority (in this case the DWP) has previously responded to a request for information which was made by any person, it is not obliged to comply with a subsequent identical or substantially similar request from that person unless a reasonable interval has elapsed between compliance with the previous request and the making of the current request.

In this case, the Department has already responded to a similar request from you, FOI2020/80980 on 19 January 2021 and so, under section 14(2) of the Fol Act will not be responding further.

The content provided in FOI2020/80980 encompasses the request for “the grace period declaration currently used in the UC system”.

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

Yours sincerely,

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 freedom-of-information-request@dw.gov.uk 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.