

DWP Central Freedom of Information Team

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Our Ref: FOI2019/31124

20 September 2019

Dear Mr Brown,

Thank you for your Freedom of Information (Fol) request received on 15 August. You asked:

*As stated in my previous contact, I have already restricted my request to the number of POs employed in Scotland and their salary levels.*

*Please provide this information and deal with this request in a timely manner given that this is now my second time of asking.*

**DWP Response:**

We confirm that we do hold the information you have requested. There are 14 Full Time Equivalent (FTE) Presenting Officers (POs) employed in Scotland at July 2019. DWP Presenting Officers present the Department's case at Appeals hearings. This includes staff presenting all DWP benefits.

Salary Levels. The Department grades these roles as Executive Officer (EO) level and there is a salary band range associated with this grade. The National Salary range for EO effective from 1 July 2019 is provided below.

	Effective from 01 July 2019	
EO	Min	Max
National	£26,892	£26,892 (£31,099 Inner London)

As a consequence of receiving your refined request and a further investigation we have identified a way to extract the information from our systems within the FOI cost limit and can provide all of the information requested. Please accept our apology that we were previously unable to identify this alternative route to extract the information from our systems.

**You asked**

*Please confirm for the whole of the UK:*

- how many Presenting Officers (PO) are presently employed (or otherwise regularly work on behalf of) the DWP; and*
- the salary range for POs*

The Departmental Activity Based Management system (ABM) shows activities directly relating to Presenting Officers, excluding Admin Support and Managers, for the whole Department. At July 2019 this equated to 177 FTE POs.

Please note, the ABM system can only provide a national level picture for these activities.

The salary range has been provided in the information above.

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

Yours sincerely,

DWP Central FoI Team

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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 [freedom-of-information-request@dw.gov.uk](mailto:freedom-of-information-request@dw.gov.uk) or by writing to DWP, Central FoI Team, Caxton House, Tothill Street, 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  
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