

Freedom of Information Request

Request:

the numbers of people who have applied for Early Retirement through Ill-Health and how many were accepted

Status: Complete

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The enclosed table at Appendix 1 provides information relating to the number of initial applications for ill health retirement benefits (IHR) that were successful in each of the last 5 years ending 31 March 2007 broken down into broad diagnostic groups.

It does not include appeals nor can we split down the medical conditions for the first year of the 5 year period. For you information only - this data has been extracted from the internal annual report produced by Atos Healthcare.

Appendix 1: Diagnostic Trends in IHR Outcomes/ Accepts

Initial IHR Outcomes and Acceptances by Diagnostic category										
	2002/03		2003/04		2004/05		2005/06		2006/07	
Diagnosis	All	Accepts	All	Accepts	All	Accepts	All	Accepts	All	Accepts
All categories	6551	3423 (52%)	4410	2755 (62%)	4077	2474 (61%)	3780	2140 (57%)	3961	2186 (55%)
Neoplasms	X	X	436 (10%)	404 (15%)	442 (11%)	380 (15%)	499 (13%)	432 (20%)	511 (13%)	437 (20%)
Nervous system	X	X	359 (8%)	308 (11%)	351 (9%)	296 (12%)	414 (11%)	332 (16%)	409 (10.5%)	320 (14.5%)

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Circulatory system	X	X	303 7%	204 8%	297 7%	176 7%	221 6%	129 6%	214 5.5%	127 6%
Musculoskeletal system	X	X	1655 38%	1027 38%	1548 38%	893 36%	1412 37%	711 33%	1488 37%	739 34%
Mental health	X	X	917 21%	377 15%	819 20%	386 16%	676 18%	238 11%	720 18%	231 10.5%
The Rest	X	X	740 16%	435 13%	620 15%	343 14%	558 15%	298 14%	541 14%	332 15%

X separate statistics for initial outcomes not available.