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**Our ref:**

**2014-3714**

Dear John Pring,

**Freedom of Information ref: 2014-3714**

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request received on 22 August 2014.  
You asked:

**“I would be grateful if you could tell me what records DWP keeps of deaths that have been found to be connected to, or linked to, or partially caused by, the withdrawal or non-payment of disability benefits (particularly ESA, DLA, PIP, IB or SDA) from the person who has died.**

**Please also tell me how these deaths are collected, and how many such deaths there have been for each of the years 2004-2013.”**

The specific information requested is not held by the Department.

However, you may find it useful to know that we intend to publish some statistics on deaths of benefit recipients in due course. We do not have a definite publication date at this stage but we will pre-announce the agreed date here:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/statistics/announcements>

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

Yours sincerely

Freedom of Information Team  
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