



Reference: RFI 1709082

Request:

I would like to request some information regarding the first phase of the Troubled Families Programme.

Page 23 of the *Troubled Families Financial Framework* for phase 1 of the Troubled Families Programme (available [here](#)) states, in respect of claims made for adults moving off out-of-work benefits and into 'continuous employment', that:

Remaining in 'continuous employment' will need to be self-certified by the local authority, using locally determined verification systems, as Jobcentre Plus do not collect this information.

I would therefore like to request the following information, under the Freedom of Information Act:

- Could you please tell me what locally determined verification systems you used to establish that adults who had moved off out-of-work benefits were in continuous employment for the period of time required to make a claim for success in the 'achieving continuous employment result'. (i.e. how did you establish locally that the adult was in continuous employment and not just 'off' out-of-work benefits).

Response:

In Phase 1 of the Troubled Families programme adults that came off out-of-work benefits and were claimed for under 'continuous employment' were verified by the Lead Worker providing copies of six months of consecutive pay slips. This was deemed sufficient proof to show the person had been in employment *and* off benefits for a period of six months.