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via email

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Dear

**Freedom of Information: Right to know request**

Thank you for your email of 21 December 2020 you asked:

*'I would want both sets of data (number of firms authorised in the given year holding debt counselling only and number of firms authorised for debt counselling with a restriction)'*

We are handling your email as a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA).

As of 23 December 2020 there was 19,180 firms who hold Debt counselling permissions as it main activity and ancillary activity.

Breakdown:

- Number of Debt advice firms who hold Debt counselling as main activity - **1,051**
- All other firms who hold Debt Counselling as an ancillary activity - **18,129**

**Your right to complain under FOIA**

If you are unhappy with the decision we have made about your request, you have the right to request an internal review. To do so, please contact us within three months of the date of this response.

If you are not content with the outcome of the internal review, you also have a right of appeal to the Information Commissioner by phone or on their website at:

Telephone: 0303 123 1113  
Website: [www.ico.org.uk](http://www.ico.org.uk)

Yours sincerely,

**Information Disclosure Team**

