

CITY OF
WOLVERHAMPTON
C O U N C I L

Response to Request for Information

Reference FOI 000161
Date 19 May 2016

Sexual Abuse of Children

Request:

1. The number of complaints or allegations you have received, or been notified of, relating to the sexual abuse of a child or children on the premises of a Hindu temple, Sikh Gurdwara, Christian Church (please specify denomination) or Jewish Yeshiva in the following calendar years:
 - a) 2012 - 0
 - b) 2013 - 1
 - c) 2014 - 0
 - d) 2015 - 1

2. For each allegation in question 1, please state:
 - a) whether it was investigated and if so how,
No to both

 - b) whether the police became involved,
For 2013 yes
For 2015 no

 - c) whether there was a full criminal inquiry,
No to both

 - d) whether there was a prosecution,
No to both

 - e) the details of any disciplinary action taken against individuals concerned,
No to both

 - f) and if the matter was not pursued, please provide the reasons why and information on the ultimate outcome of each matter.
2013 - No further action as the person lived out of area
2015 - Transferred to Staffordshire

3. The number of complaints or allegations you have received, or been notified of, relating to the physical abuse of a child or children on the premises of a Hindu temple, Sikh Gurdwara, Christian Church (please specify denomination) or Jewish Yeshiva in the following calendar years:

- a) 2012 - 0
- b) 2013 - 1
- c) 2014 - 0
- d) 2015 - 2

4. For each allegation in question 3, please state:

a) whether it was investigated and if so how,

For 2013 by police

For 2015 x 2 not investigated

b) whether the police became involved,

For 2013 yes

For 2015 (both cases) no

c) whether there was a full criminal inquiry,

For 2013 – went to CPS then Court

For 2015 (both cases) no

d) whether there was a prosecution,

No to all

e) the details of any disciplinary action taken against individuals concerned,

No to all

f) and if the matter was not pursued, please provide the reasons why and information on the ultimate outcome of each matter.

2013 – case dismissed no case to answer

2015 – (1) no further action (2) no allegation identified

5. Whether your council has ever been involved in safeguarding awareness work with Hindu temples, Sikh Gurdwaras, Christian Churches or Jewish Yeshivas in your area and what form that has taken.

The Wolverhampton Safeguarding Children Board has led on direct links with religious communities. The Council, via the Community Safety Partnership has delivered some Child Sexual Exploitation awareness training. During 2016/17 the Child Sexual Exploitation coordinator and Local Authority Designated Officer have direct training arranged for some religious communities which dovetail with the Local Safeguarding Children Board training on offer.