

Response to Request for Information

Reference FOI 000223
Date 21st June 2016

Schools

Request:

Could you please answer the following questions and could you please specify in your answers whether these relate to primary or secondary schools.

-In your area, how many maintained schools have seen the departure of a headteacher a) in the last academic year, and b) in the last five academic years? How many maintained schools are in your area in total?

-How does the total number of current headteacher vacancies compare with each of the last five academic years?

-If you keep figures for academies in the area, could you also answer the above questions in relation to academies.

-At those schools or academies where a headteacher has left, could you please explain the reason for departure: a) retirement, b) resignation, c) dismissal or d) any other reason (please expand on reasons for b, c or d if possible)

-At those schools or academies where a headteacher has left, have they been replaced by a) a permanent head, b) an interim head from another school, c) a deputy filling in or d) other (please expand on this).

-At those schools or academies where a headteacher has left, how many times has this happened in the last five academic years, ie how many heads have held the post including interim and temporary heads.

-How many headship posts at maintained schools have been advertised more than once to find a suitable candidate?

-What is the longest, in the last five academic years, that a school in your area has been left without a permanent head?

-Do you believe there is a problem with the recruitment of headteachers in your area?

Response:

I am advising that your request is exempt under Section 1 of the FOI Act, as this

information is not held by the City of Wolverhampton Council.

Each individual school is responsible for responding to their own FOI Requests, and are responsible for their own staffing provisions. To assist you the contact details of the schools can be found using the link below:

<http://www.wolverhampton.gov.uk/education>

More information on Section 1 of the FOI Act can be found on the ICO Website:

<https://ico.org.uk/>