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Response to Request for Information

Reference FOI 000396
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Troubled Families Programme

Request:

- 1.A) Please provide details of the number of families your local authority has attached to the Troubled Families Programme for the years 2012/13, 2013/14 and 2014/15 (phase 1 of the Troubled Families Programme) where the local discretionary filter was used as one of your criteria for attachment, compared to the overall total.

In respect of your above question, it has been established after careful consideration that the Council does not hold the above information in the category you have requested as the use of the local discretionary filter was not a requirement when claiming the attachment fee. Consequently we are informing you as required by Section 1(1) (a) of the Act, that states:

"Any person making a request for information to a public authority is entitled to be informed in writing by the public authority whether it holds information of the description specified in the request".

However, we are able to provide figures which shows the overall attachment payment received each year which we hope will of help to you.

2012/13 - 225
2013/14 - 338
2014/15 –113

- 1.B) What is the total value for these years of the attachment payments received by your local authority where the local discretionary filter was used as one of your criteria for attachment?

In respect of your above question, it has been established after careful consideration that the Council does not hold the above information in the category you have requested. Consequently, we are unable to provide the above information broken down to specifically identify where the local discretionary filter was used as one of the criteria for the attachment, and are informing you as required by Section 1(1) (a) of the Act, that states:

"Any person making a request for information to a public authority is entitled to be informed in writing by the public authority whether it holds information of the description specified in the request".

However, we are able to provide figures for 2012/14 which shows the overall attachment payment received each year which we hope will of help to you.

2012/13 - £720,000

2013/14 - £811,000

2014/15 - £180,800

1.C) What is the total value for these years of the results payments received by your local authority where the local discretionary filter was used as one of your criteria for a results payment?

2012/13 – The local discretionary filter was not used as one of the criteria for results payments

2013/14 - The local discretionary filter was not used as one of the criteria for results payments

Nil

2014/15 – The local discretionary filter was not used as one of the criteria for results payments

Nil

1.D) Please provide details of the local discretionary filters used across these families (may I suggest a list).

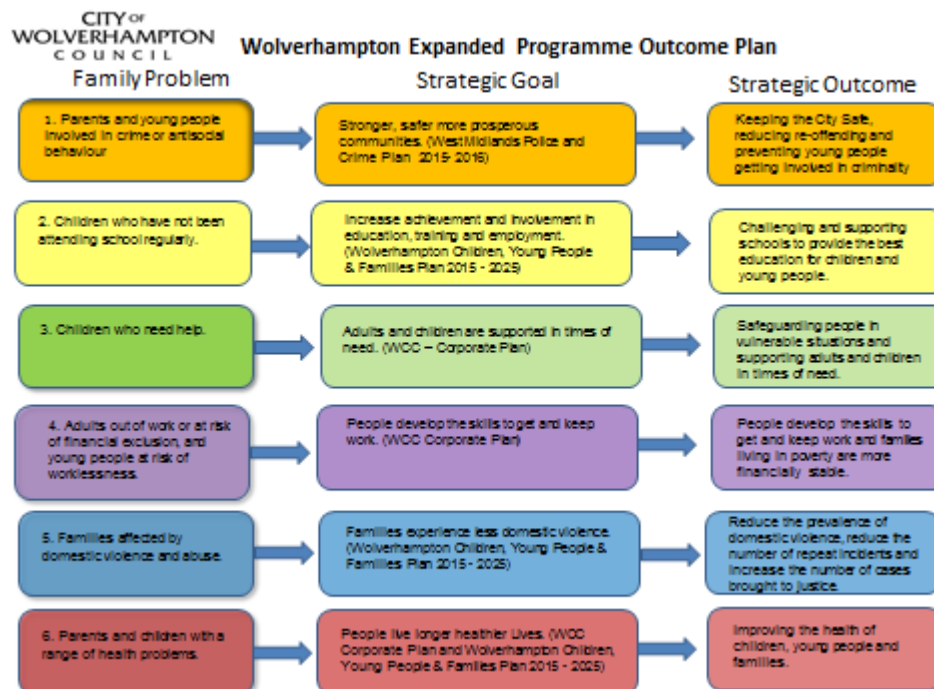
The following 8 local discretionary criteria were used in Phase 1 of the Families in Focus programme, to select families who met a minimum of 2 of the national criteria for the programme and were a cause for concern:

1. Child at risk of Entering Care
2. Domestic Violence
3. Substance Misuse
4. Mental Health Issues
5. Family live in a Police Priority Area
6. At risk of sexual exploitation
7. Involvement in or at the edge of involvement in gangs
8. Child or young person in the family over the age of 8 is involved in anti-social behaviour but has not been formally charges. (Criteria for a YISP referral)

2.A) Please provide details (may I suggest a list) of the new or different indicators that your local authority has used to attach families to the Troubled Families Programme (phase 2), as detailed in your Local Outcome Plans.

Please see information provided on the next page

Wolverhampton Troubled Families Expanded Programme Outcome Plan



PARENTS & CHILDREN INVOLVED IN CRIME OR ANTI SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR.

FAMILY PROBLEM	SIGNIFICANT & SUSTAINED OUTCOME	PBR MEASURE
<p>Parents and young people involved in crime or anti-social behaviour.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. A child or young person who has committed a proven offence in the previous 12 months. 2. An adult or child who has received an anti-social behaviour intervention (or equivalent local measure) in the last 12 months. 2. An adult who is currently subject to a license suspension in the community following release from prison or is serving a community order or suspended sentence and has parenting responsibilities. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reduction in incidents of crime perpetrated by children young people and families • Reduction in incidents of ASB perpetrated by children, young people and families. • Reduction in re-offending of adults and young people. • Preventing young people getting involved in criminality 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Overall level of offending across all under 18 year olds in the household has reduced their level of proven offending by at least 22% in the last 6 months. • At least a 50% reduction in recorded ASB incidents across the household in the last 6 months. • Reduction in adult convictions of at least 22% in the last 12 months. (Comparison with previous 12 months) • Successful completion of an ABC (Acceptable Behaviour Contract) .

Children who have not been attending school regularly.

FAMILY PROBLEM	SIGNIFICANT & SUSTAINED OUTCOME	PBR MEASURE
<p>Children who have not been attending school regularly</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. A child who is persistently absent from school for an average* across the last 2 consecutive terms. 2. Child who has received 2 fixed term exclusions in the last 2 consecutive school terms; or a child at primary school who has had at least 5 school days of fixed term exclusion in the last 2 consecutive terms; or a child of any age who has had at least 10 days of fixed term exclusion in the last 2 consecutive terms. 3. A child who has been permanently excluded from school within the last 2 school terms. 4. A child who is in alternative educational provision for children with behavioural problems. 5. A child who is neither registered with a school nor being educated in an alternative setting. <p><small>*Using 10% of sessions - Department for Education metric</small></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Children have attendance record of at least 90%. • Child and Young People make good progress at school • Children and Young people regularly attend school. • Children and Young people not on school roll or permanently excluded are re-engaged in full time provision and maintain engagement for 2 consecutive terms. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All children in the family have fewer than 2 fixed term exclusion over 2 consecutive terms, no permanent exclusions and less than 10% unauthorised absence in the last 2 consecutive terms. • A child in the household who is in a Pupil Referral Unit or Alternative Provision has had fewer than 2 fixed term exclusions and less than 10% unauthorised absence in the last 2 consecutive terms. • A child in the household who is not on the school roll has moved into a school, pupil referral unit or alternative provision and had fewer than 2 fixed term exclusions and less than 10% unauthorised absence in the last 2 consecutive terms.

Children who need help.

FAMILY PROBLEM	SIGNIFICANT & SUSTAINED OUTCOME	PBR MEASURE
<p>Children who need help</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Child who has been identified as needing early help. This may include children below the threshold for action under Section 17, Children Act 1989. 2. A child "in need" under Section 17 of the Children's Act 1989 or subject to an enquiry under Section 47 of the Children's Act 1989. 3. Child subject to a Child Protection Plan. 4. A child nominated by professionals as having problems of equivalent concern to the indicators above. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Young children are well prepared when they start school. • Fewer children and young people are subject to neglect • Children and young people living in poverty have increased access and achievement in education. • Reduce incidents of harm and vulnerability within families including sexual exploitation and hate crime. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No child in the family is subject to an Early Help team around the family 3 months after being closed. • Step down from Children in need (CIN) plan with no escalation for a 6 month period. • Step down from Child Protection Plan to Child in Need (GAA) with no escalation back up for 6 months. • Completion of Parenting Support Programme either on a one to one basis or group session. • Child attends the Traffic for Tunes programme for a minimum of 2 months.

Adults out of work or at risk of financial exclusion and young people at risk of worklessness.

FAMILY PROBLEM	SIGNIFICANT & SUSTAINED OUTCOME	PBR MEASURE
<p>Adults out of work or at risk of financial exclusion and young people at risk of worklessness</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. An adult in receipt of out of work benefits including those claiming Universal Credit and subject to work related conditions. 2. A child who is about to leave school, has no/ few qualifications and no planned education, training or employment. 3. A young person who is not in education, training or employment. 4. Parents and families nominated by professionals as being at significant risk of financial exclusion. This may include those with problematic/ unmanageable levels and forms of debt and those with significant rent arrears. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensure more parents are in continuous paid work. • Ensure families are able to manage their finances • Young people not in education, training or employment are placed on a work related learning activity – including volunteering, work experience, training course or apprenticeship programme. • Increase in young people and parents living in poverty gaining employment • Increase in 16 – 18 year olds in education, employment or training GBT 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adult in the household is off out of work benefits and into continuous employment for either 3 or 6 months depending on the type of benefit they were previously receiving. (DWP guidance) • Young person in the family (16 – 18) undertakes voluntary work or a recognised training course or further education course or gains employment for a minimum period of 3 out of 6 months. • Adult in the family completes a recognised qualification or training course leading them closer to the labour market. • Adult in the family completes the following: 2 weeks – Work Experience 4 weeks – Voluntary work 4 weeks – Temporary job placement • Adult in the family attends an employment support session supported by the Strengthening Families Hubs or DWP Troubled Families Employment Advisors. • Adult in the family is digitally enabled, has a suitable structured CV, is registered on Universal Job match and has an appropriate email account set up. • Families adhere to a debt arrears reduction plan for a period of 6 months.

Families affected by domestic violence and abuse.

FAMILY PROBLEM	SIGNIFICANT & SUSTAINED OUTCOME	PBR MEASURE
<p>Families affected by domestic violence and abuse.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. A young person or adult known to local services has experienced, is currently or is at risk of experiencing domestic violence or abuse. 2. A young person or adult who is known to local services as having perpetrated an incident of domestic violence or abuse in the last 12 months. 3. The household or a family member has been subject to a police call out for at least one domestic incident in the last 12 months. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Families experience less domestic violence • Increased confidence in help-seeking and reporting incidents of domestic violence. • Safer families with increased knowledge of domestic violence and resilience. • Reduction in risk and repeat offending and victimisation • Reduction in serious harm. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reduction in the number of recorded DV incidents in the household in the last 6 months - 60% reduction in the last 6 months. • MARAC case not reopened 6 months after case has been closed. • Increase in family members seeking help and reporting domestic violence. • Successful conviction of the perpetrator of domestic violence ensuring safety of the family has improved. • Attended the Freedom Programme or an average score on Empowerment Star of above 5.

Parents and Children with a range of health problems.

FAMILY PROBLEM	SIGNIFICANT & SUSTAINED OUTCOME	PBR MEASURE
<p>Parents and children with a range of health problems</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. An adult with mental health problems who has parenting responsibilities or a child with mental health problems. 2. An adult experiencing substance misuse or alcohol problems with parenting responsibilities or a child with a drug or alcohol problem. 3. Adults with parenting responsibilities or children who are nominated by health professionals as having any mental and physical health problems of equivalent concern to the indicators above. This may include unhealthy behaviours, resulting in problems like obesity, malnutrition or diabetes. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Families with lived experience of mental health difficulties are accessing an appropriate level and type of support. • Families with lived experience of substance misuse difficulties including alcohol misuse are accessing an appropriate level and type of support. • Children, young people and families living in poverty demonstrate improved health related behaviours. • Families are engaging in and maintaining healthy lifestyle choices which support their health and wellbeing. • Fewer children, young people and families are obese. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adult or young person in the family who has successfully engaged with a substance misuse or alcohol treatment programme. • Adult or young person in the family who is receiving and maintaining treatment for mental ill health. • All children in the household are registered with GP or dentist. • All children in the family aged 2 and a half years have had an age and stage health assessment.

2.B) Please provide details of the number of attachments made by your local authority in 2015/16 to the Troubled Families Programme that used these new or different indicators, compared to overall attachments.

In response to your question I have assumed that by “attachments” you mean the number of families that met each of the 6 headline criteria.

Please find below details of the breakdown of families meeting each of the 6 headline criteria in 2015/2016 in Year 1 of the expanded programme.

Criteria	Number of Families
Parents and young people involved in crime or anti-social behaviour	39
Children who have not been attending school regularly	145
Children who need help	483
Adult out of work or at risk of financial exclusion and young people at risk of worklessness	415
Families affected by domestic violence and abuse	270
Parents and children with a range of health problems	227

2.C) Please provide details of the total value of attachment payments claimed for by your local authority in 2015/16 for the Troubled Families Programme that used these new or different indicators, compared to overall attachment payments.

The attachment payment claimed in 2015/16 was £483,000 this matched the overall attachment payment for the year.