

## Response to Request for Information

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### *Pupil Referral Units*

#### **Request:**

I am writing to request information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. In order to assist you with this request, I am outlining my query as specifically as possible with the following questions;

Please provide me with the number of times restraints have been used on pupils at Pupil Referral Units (also known as pupil re-integration units or short stay schools) in your council over the last three years. By restraint, I am referring to instances where a child or young person has been restrained or when restraint techniques or holds have been used. Please break this information down by school population, number of restraints recorded and year.

Of those, please provide the following;

- a) the number of cases during which staff or pupils suffered an injury;
- b) the number of instances after which any first aid and/or medical attention was required;
- c) the number of times police were called linked to an incident; and
- d) the number of cases which involved pupils who were vulnerable for SEN, disability, medical or social reasons

All of this information should be recorded in the incident record form used when recording incidents, in accordance with DCSF guidance.

Suggested response template:

SCHOOL NAME

Year	Population	# Restraints	Injuries	First aid	Police call outs	SEN
2016	50	200	4	2	1	18
2015						
2014						
2013						

In response to your request, we can confirm that the Council does not hold this information. Thus we are unable to provide any information relating to the above,

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and are informing you as required by Section 1(1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 ("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, under Section 16 of the FOIA requires a public authority to provide applicants reasonable advice and assistance. I am therefore providing you with a link of all the Schools across the City who may be able to assist you with your request:

<http://www.wolverhampton.gov.uk/article/2349/Schools-list>