

CITY OF
WOLVERHAMPTON
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Response to Request for Information

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Child Deaths

Request:

1. In the last five financial years ending (2016/17) how many child deaths have been scrutinised by your Child Death Overview Panel where the "Form C Analysis Proforma", or its equivalent, was completed in relation to a child's death.
2. On the "Form C Analysis Proforma" there is a tick box to state if bullying was believed to be a factor in the death. For how many cases in the five year period referred to in Question 1, was the "YES" tick box completed for this bullying category?
3. On the "Form C Analysis Proforma" there is a tick box to state if smoking by the mother during pregnancy was believed to be a factor in the death. For how many cases in the five year period referred to in Question 1, was the "YES" tick box completed for this smoking by the mother during pregnancy category?
4. On the "Form C Analysis Proforma" there is a tick box to state if consanguinity was believed to be a factor in the death. For how many cases in the five year period referred to in Question 1, was the "YES" tick box completed for this consanguinity category?

In response to your above questions, it has been established after careful consideration that the Council does not hold the above information.

The Child Death Overview Panel (CDOP) falls within the auspices of the Local Safeguarding Children Board (LSCB). The Wolverhampton Safeguarding Children Board (WSCB) is not a 'public authority' and is therefore not subject to requests made under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Consequently, we are unable to provide any information relating to the above, 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".

[NOT PROTECTIVELY MARKED]

However to advise and assist you under Section 16 of the FOI Act, it would seem that the majority of the questions within this enquiry can be answered by using the following links:

Please refer to the Child Death Overview Annual Reports that have been published on the Wolverhampton Safeguarding Children's Board website:

<https://www.wolverhamptonsafeguarding.org.uk/>

Please also refer to the CDOP statistics and annual data available via the Department for Education website:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/statistics/child-death-reviews-year-ending-31-march-2016>