CITY OF
WOLVERHAMPTON
COUNCIL

Response to Request for Information

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Troubled Families Programme

Request:

Could you please provide me with each of the local filter criteria you used during the first phase of the Troubled Families Programme. If you changed your local filter criteria during the first phase of the programme, could you please provide me with all of the local criteria you used during the first phase of the programme and, if possible, the dates that each of the criteria were in use.

In Phase 1 (1st April 2012 to 31st March 2015) of the Troubled Families Programme, known as the Families in Focus programme in Wolverhampton, 8 local discretionary criteria were used to select families who met a minimum of 2 of the national criteria for the programme and were a cause for concern.

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 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)

In respect of the dates that each of the criteria were in use, it has been established after careful consideration that the Council does not hold the above information as this was not recorded during Phase 1 of the programme. 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".