

Response to Request for Information

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Troubled Families Programme

Request:

I would like to request the following information under the Freedom of Information Act, relating to the first phase of the Troubled Families Programme, which ran from 2012 – April 2015.

1. Could you please tell me in how many of the families you claimed for 'turning around' in the first phase of the Troubled Families Programme, via the crime / anti-social behaviour / education result (i.e. not the 'continuous employment' measure), the education element had become 'neutral' due to a child of concern leaving school during the course of the programme, and there being no other children in the household whose school attendance was required to improve in order to meet the 'success' criteria?

In Phase 1 of the Troubled Families programme known in Wolverhampton as the Families in Focus programme from the 1st of April 2012 to the 31st March 2015 there were:

- A total of 126 families where it was identified that a child of concern had been identified as meeting the education criteria for the programme and had subsequently been identified as entering further education, training or employment.
- A further 46 families had children where it was identified that a child of concern had been identified as meeting the education criteria for the programme and had subsequently become neutral.

In both of these cases there were no other children in the household whose school attendance was required to improve in order to meet the success criteria for the family.

2. Could you please also tell me in how many of the above cases the education measure becoming neutral was the only change that occurred in respect of the crime/anti-social behaviour/education result?

In total of the cases identified above there were 144 families where the education criteria was met by a child of concern for the programme and this was subsequently recorded as either becoming neutral or the child entering further education, training or employment with no recorded crime or anti-social behaviour either when they entered the programme or at point of closure.