

Response to Request for Information

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Cyber Attacks and Cyber Security

Request:

I am writing under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 to request information about cyber-attacks and cyber security incidents affecting your authority. Specifically, I am asking the following for each year since 2013:

Please note: We are using the following definitions in accordance to guidelines given by the National Cyber Security Centre (NCSC).

<https://www.ncsc.gov.uk/incident-management>

- Cyber-attack: a malicious attempt to damage, disrupt or gain unauthorised access to computer systems, networks or devices, via cyber means
 - Cyber security incident: a breach of a system's security policy in order to affect its integrity or availability or the unauthorised access or attempted access to a system.
1. Please provide details of how many cyber-attacks to computer systems, networks or devices have taken place?
 2. Please provide details of how many cyber security incidents caused internal systems or devices to be infected or for services to be affected?
 3. How many times have you reported cyber security incidents to:
 - a) Police
 - b) NCSC
 - c) Information Commissioner's Office (ICO)
 - d) Other, please provide detail
 4. How many cyber security incidents have caused the loss/breach of data?
 5. Please provide details of the cyber security awareness training provided to staff?
 6. Please detail the number of staff trained in cyber security awareness?
 7. Please detail what percentage of the annual budget has been allocated towards:
 - a) securing IT-systems and networks against cyber-attacks?
 - b) training staff in cyber security awareness?

In response to questions 1 to 4, we can confirm that the department holds information that you have asked for in relation to the above. However, the information is exempt under section 21 of the FOI Act because it is reasonably accessible to you, and I am pleased to inform you that you can access it on our website via the following link:

<http://www.wolverhampton.gov.uk/CHttpHandler.ashx?id=13392&p=0>

Section 21(1) of the Freedom of Information Act exempts disclosure of information that is reasonably accessible by other means, and the terms of the exemption mean that we do not have to consider whether or not it would be in the public interest for you to have the information.

You can find out more about Section 21 by reading the extract from the Act, available at: <http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2000/36/section/21>

Response to question 5 to 7, as below:

5. Please provide details of the cyber security awareness training provided to staff?

All Council employees who handle personal data receive annual refresher training on data protection and general information governance, which includes an element of cyber security awareness.

Those employees who work in a specialist areas such as IG or IT security receive specific training awareness (approximately 6 to 8 people).

6. Please detail the number of staff trained in cyber security awareness?
Please see response to 5

7. Please detail what percentage of the annual budget has been allocated towards:

- a) securing IT-systems and networks against cyber-attacks?
b) training staff in cyber security awareness?

This information is not available in the breakdown requested as we are unable to put a figure on specific spend on securing IT-systems and networks against cyber-attacks because this is all part of an overall strategy to keep the ICT infrastructure modern and secure. Cyber security is part of the overall solution and infrastructure and not a solution in its own right.