CITY OF WOLVERHAMPTON COUNCIL

Response to Request for Information

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Referrals - PREVENT

Request:

With this FOI I am hoping to find out the figures for the number people who have been referred to Wolverhampton City Council because of concerns relating to radicalisation or violent extremism - both young people in schools and colleges, and others referred to the council by individuals in other sectors. I'm looking for the total number of initial reports (i.e the very first stage of the process) and for as much detail as possible about the outcomes of those referrals, and the age of those referred.

I would like figures provided by year from when it first became an OFSTED requirement for schools and others to have in place a risk assessment focused on the risks of radicalisation and terrorist activity in March 2015.

If you have recorded the figures by financial year, or in another way which is different to how I have requested them, then please go ahead with the request and provide the data by year however you can. Alternatively, if you are only able to group all the reports since March 2015 - to present, and are not able to separate the figures by year then please, again, continue with the request, and group the data together.

1 How many teachers or other educators have made initial referrals that identify concerns relating to radicalisation or violent extremism to Wolverhampton City Council since March 2015? (i.e. when it first became an OFSTED requirement for schools to have in place a risk assessment focused on the risks of radicalisation and terrorist activity) Please give separate figures for the number of referrals by year (March 2015-December 2015; January 2016- December 2017 and any reports made in 2018 so far, or provide a single figure for the number of referrals received since March 2015, if it is not possible to provide separate data by year).

	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	Grand Total
Schools	17	10	4	31
Education Services	0	2	0	2

2 Excluding teachers and other educators, how many other individuals/ organisations/ services/ sectors have made initial referrals that identify concerns relating to radicalisation or violent extremism to Wolverhampton City Council since March 2015? Please give separate figures for the number of referrals/ reports by year (March 2015-December 2015; January 2016-December 2017 and any reports made in 2018 so far, or provide a single figure for the number of referrals received since March 2015, and identify which organisation or sector made the referral, or if this is not possible simply group the information together (e.g other than teachers and educators, 300 referrals have been made to the council since March 2015 by other professionals, including health workers etc).

	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	Grand Total
Health Services School Nurse	0	1	0	1
Health Services - Other Primary Health Service	0	1	0	1
LA Services - Social Care e.g. Adults SC	1	0	0	1
Police	16	0	1	17
Other Legal Agency (Court/Probat/Immigration)	1	0	0	1
Anonymous	0	0	3	3

3 Of these total number of initial reports - how many related to Islamist extremism and how many related to right-wing extremism since March 2015? (March 2015-December 2015; January 2016- December 2017 and any in 2018 so far, or group the information together, if it is not possible to provide separate data by year.)

Your question for information has now been considered and the City of Wolverhampton Council is not obliged to supply the information you requested for the reasons set out below.

Section 17 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 requires City of Wolverhampton Council, when refusing to provide such information (because the information is exempt) to provide you, the applicant with a notice which:

(a) states the fact,
(b) specifies the exemption in question and
(c) states (if that would not otherwise be apparent) why the exemption applies:

In relation to your particular question, the following exemption applies:

Section 12 - Exemption where cost of compliance exceeds appropriate limit

Section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 allows a public authority to refuse a request if the cost of providing the information to the applicant would exceed the 'appropriate limit' as defined by the Freedom of Information.

The Regulations provide that the appropriate limit to be applied to requests received by local authorities is £450 (equivalent to 18 hours of work). In estimating the cost of complying with a request for information, an authority can only take into account any reasonable costs incurred in:

(a) Determining whether it holds the information,
(b) Locating the information, or a document which may contain the information,
(c) Retrieving the information, or a document which may contain the information,
and
(d) Extracting the information from a document containing it.

For the purposes of the estimate the costs of performing these activities should be estimated at a rate of £25 per hour.

The information appertaining to your question is not easily accessible and as such this information is not held as a distinct set able to be retrieved or reported on. To get the information would require a full scale look into all individual records. This would be a manual exercise and as such we believe that the aggregated time it would take to collate the information would be in excess of 18 hours (equivalent to a notional cost of £450).

Excess cost removes the City of Wolverhampton Council's obligation under the Freedom of Information, however under Section 16 – (the duty to provide advice and assistance, the Council may be able to provide answers to the request, should you wish to submit a refined request.

4 Of these total number of initial reports - how many met the criteria for the undertaking of a Section 47 investigation? Please give separate figures for the number that met the criteria by year (March 2015-December 2015; January 2016- December 2017 and any in 2018 so far, or provide a single figure for the number of referrals received since March 2015, if it is not possible to provide separate data by year).
3 went to a Section 47 Assessment in the 2016-17 statutory year

5 In each case and by year - what were the outcomes of each of these investigations? (e.g 2015 - 4 children were referred to Chanel, 2016 - 10 children were made subject to a Child Protection Order and two were subsequently taken into care, 2016 - 5 people were prosecuted for inciting terrorism, 2017 - 7 cases were closed with no further action after a full investigation by the Chanel Panel. If this question or parts of it are not possible to answer then please give as much detail as you can about outcomes. Please group the information together, if it is not possible to provide separate data by year. (e.g since March 2015 200 cases were referred to Chanel).
All 3 children went on to a Child Protection Plan.

6 And lastly - what was the age range of children and young people that were referred to Wolverhampton City Council by teachers and other educators in the Local Authority area? (.e.g the 300 children and young people referred to the council in 2016 were between the ages of 7 and 18) Please give separate figures for the number that met the criteria by year (March 2015-December 2015; January 2016- December 2017 and any in 2018 so far, or group the information together, if it is not possible to provide separate data by year.
Aged between 3-18 (NB: A number of these children may not be the actual subject of the referral, and could be part of the sibling group associated to the child against whom the concern has been raised on, as they may also be at risk).