

CITY OF
WOLVERHAMPTON
COUNCIL

Response to Request for Information

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Adoptions

Request:

1. How many children in total were adopted in your local authority area in financial years:
 - a) 2009-10
 - b) 2010-11
 - c) 2011-12
 - d) 2012-13
 - e) 2013-14
 - f) 2014-15
 - g) 2015-16
 - h) 2016-17

In response to question 1, 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=10485&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>

2. How many children in your local authority were adopted by parent/parents from a different ethnic or religious background to the child in financial years:

In response to question 2, it has been established after careful consideration that the Council does not hold all the above information.

The Council only holds demographic information consistently for the adopters approved by the Council. This means we are unable to give information in relation to adoptions that involved agency adopters or those approved by other authorities. The Council also do not hold any information for the year 2009-10.

Consequently, we are unable to provide all the above requested information, 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".

Therefore, please find below the information we can provide which we hope will be of assistance:

- a) 2009-10
 - b) 2010-11 = 4
 - c) 2011-12 = 5
 - d) 2012-13 = 6
 - e) 2013-14 = 6
 - f) 2014-15 = 9
 - g) 2015-16 = 9
 - h) 2016-17 = 10
3. How many prospective adopters were rejected because they weren't an ethnic or religious match with any of the children in the local authority waiting to be adopted? In financial years:
- a) 2009-10 = 0
 - b) 2010-11 = 0
 - c) 2011-12 = 0
 - d) 2012-13 = 0
 - e) 2013-14 = 0
 - f) 2014-15 = 0
 - g) 2015-16 = 0
 - h) 2016-17 = 0