



Response to Request for Information

Reference FOI 002264
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Residential Parenting Assessments

Request:

I'm writing to you to carry out an FOI request on residential parenting assessments.

1. I would like to know what Wolverhampton City Council's annual expenditure on residential parenting assessments was in each of the last 10 years. I.E. in 2017,16,15,14,13,12,11,10,09,08,07?
2. I would also like to request the number of individual parental assessments commissioned by Wolverhampton City Council in each of the last 10 years?
3. May I lastly request the names of the residential parenting assessment providers you use most often?

In response to your request, please find our response below:

- residential parenting assessments are rarely carried out unless specifically ordered by a court, it is generally felt that removing families from their normal environment would not give a realistic view of parenting ability and so are not recommended
- all children's social work teams have staff who are trained to carry out community based parenting assessments and so where they are required they would generally be carried out in-house
- there is not a separate budget for residential parenting assessments so we could not offer these figures
- in view of this we cannot say who we use most regularly