



Response to Request for Information

Reference FOI 002505
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Community Protection Notices

Request:

I am writing to you under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 to request the following information from Wolverhampton City Council:

Please provide data on how many Community Protection Notices (CPNs) - contained in the Anti-Social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014 - have been issued by Wolverhampton City Council in the year between July 1, 2017 and June 30, 2018.

I would like to know:

1. The number of CPNs that were issued by Wolverhampton City Council in the year between July 1, 2017 and June 30, 2018?
[In this period City of Wolverhampton Council issued 47 notices.](#)
2. If it is compliant with the limits identified in Section 12 of the FOIA, please provide the reason why the CPN was issued in each instance?
[Your request 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 request, the following exemption applies:](#)

[Section 12 - Exemption where cost of compliance exceeds appropriate limit](#)

[We can confirm that the Council holds information falling within the description specified in your request. However, 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 request 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 involve cross referencing multiple records to determine the content of each notice. 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).

3. If itemising the reason for each CPN does exceed the limits identified in Section 12 of the FOIA, please provide a summary of the reasons (*e.g. nuisance dog, Anti-social behaviour etc.*)?

47 Notices have been issued in total during the period in question these were in relation to the following issues:

Accumulations – 21

Fly tipping – 7

Miscellaneous – 6

Condition of property – 6

Dog lack of control – 3

Highway issues – 1

Pollution air quality – 2

Noise - 1

If it is not possible to provide data for the year requested, then could you please provide data for the most recent 12-month period possible.