



Response to Request for Information

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Suicides in Wolverhampton

Request:

I wonder if you could inform me as to the number of suicides that took place in Wolverhampton from March 2017 to March 2018 and April 2018-September 2018?

Can the number be broken down into age, gender and ethnicity please?

In response to your request please find our response below:

Data on deaths by suicide for Wolverhampton are publicly available via the Office for National Statistics (ONS):

<https://www.ons.gov.uk/peoplepopulationandcommunity/birthsdeathsandmarriages/deaths/datasets/suicidesbylocalauthority>

In Wolverhampton in 2017, 25 people died by suicide. Breakdowns by age, sex and ethnicity are not available as small numbers within categories would make individuals potentially identifiable – however, further information on trends and risk factors are available via Public Health England's Suicide Prevention Profiles:

<http://fingertipsreports.phe.org.uk/suicide/e08000031.pdf>

Data are currently only available until 2017. The time lag is due to the time taken for inquests to be completed.