

## Response to Request for Information

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### *Public Health*

#### Request:

- 1) Can the Local Authority's Director of Public Health provide an estimate for the number of referrals made to drug and alcohol treatment services in your area for the following financial years:
  - a. 2009/2010
  - b. 2010/2011
  - c. 2011/2012
  - d. 2012/2013
  - e. 2013/2014
  - f. 2014/2015

In respect of your above question, it has been established after careful consideration that the Council does not hold the above information. Consequently, we are unable to provide any information relating to the above, 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".

I can advise you that this information would be held by Public Health England as part of the active drug and alcohol treatment services. I have provided the link below for your convenience and also a snapshot taken from their website:

<https://www.ndtms.net/viewit/Adult/ExecutiveSummaryAL.aspx?htlaCode=00CW>

Below are numbers who were in active drug and alcohol treatment services within relevant years.

		08/09	09/10	10/11	11/12	12/13	13/14
Drugs	Numbers In Treatment	1415	1406	1427	1530	1496	1348
Alcohol			651	730	759	845	858

Source: National Drug Treatment Monitoring System

- 2) Can the Local Authority's Director of Public Health provide an estimate for the number of referrals made to alcohol treatment services in your area for the following financial years:
- a. 2009/2010
  - b. 2010/2011
  - c. 2011/2012
  - d. 2012/2013
  - e. 2013/2014
  - f. 2014/2015

In respect of question 2, it has been established after careful consideration that the Council does not hold the above information. Consequently, we are unable to provide any information relating to the above, 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".

- 3) Can the Local Authority's Director of Public Health provide the out-turn data for budget spent on drug and alcohol treatment services in your area for the following financial years:
- a. 2009/2010
  - b. 2010/2011
  - c. 2011/2012
  - d. 2012/2013
  - e. 2013/2014 - £5,529,747.00
  - f. 2014/2015 - £4,567,418.00

In respect of question 3, it has been established after careful consideration that the Council does not hold the above information for the years 2009 to 2012 (a. to d. above) as this was held by the PCT and not the Council. Consequently, we 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".

- 4) Can the Local Authority's Director of Public Health tell me who is responsible for policy which provides support to children of:
- a. Dependent drinkers
  - b. Hazardous drinkers

Policy approval would fall under the auspices of the Council's Cabinet. However, lead officers who have the responsibility for the development and delivery of protocols and policy would be:

The Director of Children's Services who has responsibility for Children & Young People's Services which include Early Help; Social Care Services; the Youth Offending team and the 'Families in Focus' (Troubled Families Programme) programme.

The Director of Public Health as the Commissioner of Substance Misuse Services.

- 5) Does the Local Authority have plans to produce a strategy of support for children of:
- a. Dependent drinkers
  - b. Hazardous drinkers

A robust joint working protocol between the Council's Children & Young People's Services and Recovery Near You (the Wolverhampton Drug & Alcohol Service) was developed through co-production in Summer 2015 to support and improve the outcomes of children, young people and families where addiction issues are a factor. This protocol includes a strategy of support for children of dependent and hazardous drinkers.

The 'Families in Focus' work stream offers support for children of dependent and hazardous drinkers.

Recovery Near You (the Wolverhampton Drug & Alcohol Service) offers a Wolverhampton 360 service which is the Young Person's Substance Misuse Service for the City of Wolverhampton. This service would deliver interventions for children affected by a family member's drug and alcohol use.

In addition there was a dedicated alcohol strategy in Wolverhampton for the years 2011 – 2015. The working group that oversaw the strategy has been replaced by a newly formed (multi-agency) city-wide substance misuse alliance which works to reduce the harm from tobacco, alcohol and drugs in cross-cutting ways.