

## Response to Request for Information

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### ***Children Vulnerable to Extremism***

**Request:**

I would like to know:

- a) The number of children (under-18s) referred to the local authority due to concerns that they are vulnerable to extremism. I would like this information to be broken down by the following years:

2014-15

2013-14

2012-13

2011-12

Referrals where an individual is vulnerable to extremism are managed by West Midlands Counter Terrorism Unit. All requests for data relating to Channel/Prevent referrals should be directed to West Midlands Police via the following email address [prevent\\_inbox@west-midlands.pnn.police.uk](mailto:prevent_inbox@west-midlands.pnn.police.uk)

For each year I would like this information to be provided on an anonymised case basis, including the following information:

- a. date (dd/mm/yyyy)
  - b. age of child referred (if you are only to provide information by age brackets, please do so)
  - c. religion of child referred
  - d. ethnicity of child referred
  - e. source of the report (ie. school professional, college professional, medical professional, member of the public)
  - f. reason for referral (if you are unable to release specific information, please indicate if the reason falls within any of the following categories: viewing radical material online; possessing radical material such as leaflets or books; demonstrating support for terrorist groups through other non-violent behaviour; demonstrating support for terrorist groups through violent behaviour)
  - g. whether or not the report was passed on to the police
  - h. whether or not the child was added to the child protection register
  - i. whether or not the child has been taken into care
- b) How many Prevent coordinators work for the authority? If this number has increased over the past 4 years, please indicate when and how many additional coordinators were recruited.

Prevent has fallen within the remit of the Council's Head of Community Safety since 2011. A Prevent and Cohesion Officer was established in 2014 to increase the Council's capacity to develop this area of work.

- c) What is the local authority's budget for prevent? Please provide figures for the years:

2014-15 - £27,120

2013-14 - nil

2012-13 - nil

2011-12 - nil

During the period 2011/12 to 2013/14 there was no budget specifically for Prevent. However funds were released from reserves over this period to fund costs of £42,490 in relation to Prevent.

In 2014/15 a budget of £27,120 was created.