

CITY OF
WOLVERHAMPTON
COUNCIL

Response to Request for Information

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Children's Social Services

Request:

Please find below a freedom of information request for information from your local authority's children's social services.

I would be grateful if the appropriate information officer in your children's social services could provide data in response to the following questions:

- How many referrals have been made to your local authority's social services mentioning concerns about fabricated or induced illness (FII) in a child for each of the financial years 2014-2015, 2015-2016, 2016-2017, 2017-2018 and 2018-2019?

In response to your above question, Section 1 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 places two duties on public authorities. Unless exemptions apply, the first duty at:

- Section 1(1) (a) is to confirm or deny whether the information specified in a request is held.
- The second duty at Section 1(1)(b) is to disclose information that has been confirmed as being held.

In respect of your above question, it has been established after careful consideration that the Council does not hold the above information as we do not analyse our information in the format requested.

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".

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- How many families have been put on a child protection plan following concerns about fabricated or induced illness (FII) in a child for each of the financial years 2014-2015, 2015-2016, 2016-2017, 2017-2018 and 2018-2019?
[Please see our response to the first bullet point.](#)
- How many cases has your local authority taken to court as a result of concerns about fabricated or induced illness (FII) in a child for each of the financial years 2014-2015, 2015-2016, 2016-2017, 2017-2018 and 2018-2019?
[None.](#)
- How many children have been removed from their families following concerns about fabricated or induced illness (FII) in a child for each of the financial years 2014-2015, 2015-2016, 2016-2017, 2017-2018 and 2018-2019?
[None.](#)