

Response to Request for Information

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Libraries

Request:

Under the Freedom of Information act can you please provide me with the following information:

1. How many library service points did you have in 2010? Do you have a list of addresses for those at all?

Central Library and 14 community based libraries.

Library	Address	
Ashmore Park	Griffiths Drive	WV11 2LH
Bilston	Mount Pleasant	WV14 7LU
Central Library	Snow Hill	WV1 3AX
Collingwood	Broadway Gardens	WV10 8EA
East Park	Hurstbourne Crescent	WV1 2EE
Finchfield	White Oak Drive	WV3 9AF
Long Knowle	Wood End Road	WV11 1YG
Low Hill	Showell Circus	WV10 9JJ
Pendeford	Whitburn Close	WV9 5NJ
Penn	Coalway Avenue	WV3 7LT
Spring Vale	Bevan Avenue	WV4 6SG
Tettenhall	Upper Street	WV6 8QF
Warstones	Pinfold Grove	WV4 4PT
Wednesfield	2 Well Lane	WV11 1XT
Whitmore Reans	Bargate Drive	WV6 0QW

2. Please tell us how many library service points you have currently, May 2019, and provide the addresses.

Central Library and 15 community based libraries

Library	Address	
Ashmore Park	Griffiths Drive	WV11 2LH
Bilston	Mount Pleasant	WV14 7LU
Bob Jones Community Hub Library	Bromley St.	WV2 3AS
Central Library	Snow Hill	WV1 3AX
Collingwood	Broadway Gardens	WV10 8EA
East Park	Hurstbourne Crescent	WV1 2EE
Finchfield	White Oak Drive	WV3 9AF
Long Knowle	Wood End Road	WV11 1YG
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3. How many have been transferred from council control to the control of volunteers since 2010?
None.

4. Of those, which have had their opening hours reduced since 2010? And can you outline any changes please?

	2010	2017
	Opening Hours	
Ashmore Park	38	24
Bilston	51	35
Blakenhall	n/a	56
Central Library	56	47
Collingwood	15	15
East Park	31	15
Finchfield	38	30
Long Knowle	38	15
Low Hill	43	15
Pendeford	51	24
Penn	38	24
Spring Vale	31	15
Tettenhall	51	30
Warstones	51	35
Wednesfield	51	35
Whitmore Reans	51	15

5. Please tell us how many libraries have moved premises since 2010 and provide the former and current address.

Two

Ashmore Park Griffiths Drive WV11 2LH
Collingwood Broadway Gardens WV10 8EA

6. Please tell us how many new libraries have opened since 2010 (not existing libraries moving to different buildings) and provide addresses.

One

Bob Jones Community Hub Bromley St. WV2 3AS

7. How many library service points are proposed for closure within the next year? Please detail any mobile libraries separately to buildings

None.

8. How many members of staff worked for your libraries service in 2010 (headcount please, not FTE)?

161

9. How many members of staff work for your libraries service (headcount please, not FTE) today?

67

10. How many volunteers were assisting with the operation of the library service in 2010?

In response to question 10, 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 question 10, it has been established after careful consideration that the Council does not hold the above information as we have only recently started keeping statistics on number of volunteers etc (the last 5/6 years) so we don't have any data for 2010.

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".

11. How many volunteers assist with the operation of the library service today?
41 volunteers – 2345 hours a year