

Response to Request for Information

Coronavirus

I can confirm that the information requested is held by Wolverhampton Council however due to the current climate the Council is currently focusing its attention on addressing the challenges of the current pandemic.

In your request you asked the following:

- 1) *A copy of any plans/guidance for dealing with a potential coronavirus/covid-19 pandemic. This is likely to be your flu pandemic plan.*
- 2) *Please include any plans/or guidance on:*
 - a) *emergency centres (family and friends centres, survivor reception centres, humanitarian assistance centres,*
 - b) *the provision of emergency mortuaries,*
 - c) *the provision of burials,*
 - d) *dealing with the media*
 - e) *supporting people's faith*
 - f) *the provision of other services including as bin collections, street cleaning, libraries etc.*
 - g) *any other relevant plans*
- 3) *Please confirm if any amendments have been made to the pandemic plan specifically for coronavirus/covid-19.*
- 4) *Please confirm in what circumstances the plans would be triggered.*
- 5) *Please confirm whether, by the date of your response to this request, the pandemic plans have been triggered.*

In response to your request and to advise and assist you under Section 16 of the FOIA, the information is exempt under section 21 of the FOI Act because some of the information is reasonably accessible to you, and I am pleased to inform you that you can access it on our website via the following link:

<https://www.wolverhampton.gov.uk/coronavirus-advice-and-information>

Section 21(1) of the Freedom of Information Act exempts disclosure of information that is reasonably accessible by other means, and the terms of the exemption mean that we

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do not have to consider whether or not it would be in the public interest for you to have the information.

You can find out more about Section 21 by reading the extract from the Act, available at: <http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2000/36/section/21>

More updates will follow via this link however if you still require more specific information, we shall be able to deal with this at a later date.

Please quote the reference number 1514525 in any future communications.

If you are dissatisfied with the handling of your request, you have the right to ask for an internal review. Internal review requests should be submitted within two months of the date of receipt of the response to your original letter and should be addressed to:

Information Governance Team
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Email: foi@wolverhampton.gov.uk

If you are still dissatisfied with the Council's response after the internal review you have a right of appeal to the Information Commissioner, contact details can be found on their website: www.ico.org.uk

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