



Response to Request for Information

Reference FOI 002600
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School Exclusions

Request:

I am writing to make an open government request for all the information to which I am entitled under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Please send me:

- The total number of Pupil Referral Unit places funded in Wolverhampton City Council for the academic year 2016-17?
[Our service pre bought 81 places for the academic year 2016-2017 and this was for young people who were permanently excluded or new into the city who required PRU places.](#)

[Total number of places funded for the financial year \(only data available\) across the four PRU's 236 places.](#)

- The total number of pupils on the roll of Pupil Referral Units in Wolverhampton City Council over the course of the academic year 2016-17? [61](#)
- The number of secondary-age pupils admitted to Pupil Referral Units in Wolverhampton City Council in the academic year 2016-17, broken down by term of admission of pupils i.e. (Year 7 Term 1, Year 7 Term 2 etc.)?
[Following reasonable enquiries, it has been established that the Council does not hold the above requested 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 Freedom of Information Act 2000 \("The Act"\), 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".](#)

- The number of cases considered by Fair Access Panels in Wolverhampton City Council in the academic year 2016-17? [141](#)
- The number of intentions to direct issued by Wolverhampton City Council to local schools in the academic year 2016-17? [0](#)

- The number of refusals made by academies in Wolverhampton City Council in the academic year 2016-17? To confirm, by 'refusals' I refer to refusals by academies of directions from the Local Authority to take a child who has been excluded.

In accordance with paragraph 3.22 of The School Admissions Code "Where a local authority considers that an Academy will best meet the needs of any child, it can ask the Academy to admit that child but has no power to direct it to do so. The local authority and the Academy will usually come to an agreement, but if the Academy refuses to admit the child, the local authority can ask the Secretary of State to intervene. The Secretary of State has the power under an Academy's Funding Agreement to direct the Academy to admit a child, and can seek advice from the Adjudicator in reaching a decision".

In respect of the academic year 2016-17 The Local Authority did not require the Secretary of State to intervene in any cases.

- The number of appeals to the Schools Adjudicator made by governing bodies of maintained schools in Wolverhampton City Council in the academic year 2016-17? 0
- Total expenditure by Wolverhampton City Council on alternative provision in the academic year 2016-17, and the percentage of this that related to:
 - Per pupil entitlement
 - Free School Meals
 - Looked After Children
 - High Needs block
 - EAL
 - Standard lump sum to AP school

Total AP Expenditure	£4,632,966	
And the percentage of this that related to:		
	Amount	%
○ High Needs Block	£4,543,319	98
○ Per pupil entitlement (as part of the High Needs Block)	£2,360,000	N/A
○ Free School Meals	£0	0
○ Looked After Children	£0	0
○ EAL	£0	0
○ Standard lump sum to AP School	£0	0

The elements listed above relate to the Schools Funding Formula for mainstream schools. As Pupil Referral Units are funded through a separate formula, these elements are not applicable to the Alternative Provision in the City of Wolverhampton Council. The remaining 2% has been funded from the Council's general fund.