



## Response to Request for Information

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### ***Suicide Data***

#### Request and response in 'blue':

I am contacting you today to submit the same request. I am requesting data for:

- the total number of adult suicides recorded in your local authority for any years data is available (though 2014 would be the most relevant if available);

We can confirm that the department holds information that you have asked for in relation to the above. However, the information is exempt under section 21 of the FOI Act because it is reasonably accessible to you, and I am pleased to inform you that the numbers of suicides recorded in any given year is already provided via HSCIC and is therefore in the public domain (see link below):

[https://indicators.ic.nhs.uk/download/NCHOD/Data/31C\\_113DRT15++\\_D.csv](https://indicators.ic.nhs.uk/download/NCHOD/Data/31C_113DRT15++_D.csv).

The publicly available data on suicides in Wolverhampton indicates that between 1995 and 2013 there were 229 suicides (2014 not yet available)

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 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>

- *and* the number of these suicides where it had been recorded that the person who ended their own life had a terminal illness, as defined by the coroner.

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:

[NOT PROTECTIVELY MARKED]

"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".

To advise and assist you further, you need to re-direct your enquiry to the relevant Office, see below:

Coroner's Office:

<http://www.wolverhampton.gov.uk/article/2430/Coroners-office>