



Response to Request for Information

Reference FOI 0715165

Date 31 July 2015

Children's Services – Cases Involving Witchcraft

Request:

Please could you tell me the number of cases your Children's Services department recorded where a child was accused of witchcraft or possession by spirits.

Please include cases where abusers believed that evil forces were acting through the child. Language used might include black magic, kindoki, ndoki, dakini, the evil eye, djinns, voodoo, obeah, devils, curses, demons, and child sorcerers. The abuse might involve attempts to drive out evil; to 'exorcise', or 'deliver' the child, causing physical or emotional/psychological harm, or neglect.

Please provide the figures for

- a) 2014
- b) 2013
- c) If possible within the reasonable time limit please also provide the figures for 2012 – if not please prioritise a) and then b)

Response:

In response to your request, we can confirm that Wolverhampton City Council has not received any cases where a child was accused of witchcraft or possessed by spirits.