

Response to Request for Information

Reference FOI 111578
Date 16 November 2015

School Admission Forms

Request:

My request relates to parents suspected of lying on admissions forms to get their children into primary and secondary schools, including all types of school.

1. In each of the last three years how many times has the council investigated incidents where parents are suspected of lying on admissions forms to get their children into primary and secondary schools?
2. How many cases of admissions fraud has the council found in each of the last three years?

In relation to questions 1 and 2 above, following careful consideration, the information you requested falls under the exemption(s) in section 21 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 ("The Act"), which relates to 'information reasonably accessible to the applicant by other means'.

The exemption applies as the information is published and publicly-available to view by accessing the link below:

<http://www.wolverhampton.gov.uk/CHttpHandler.ashx?id=7765&p=0>

3. What types of admissions fraud have occurred? e.g. giving false addresses etc.
[Incorrect addresses given.](#)
4. Does the council have a process for such incidents? If so, what is it and when was the policy brought in?
[It is picked up as part of our business as usual processes. Address data is validated against existing data held by schools and other Council departments.](#)
5. How does the council investigate suspected incidents? Has the council ever placed anyone under surveillance?
[Additional information is requested from applicants, which is validated against existing records. A home visit may be arranged if further investigation is necessary. The Council has never placed anyone under surveillance.](#)