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Please ask for: Alison McCallum  
Date: 22 May 2018

Dear Sir/Madam

### **Freedom of Information Act 2000**

I am writing in response to your request for information which we received on 27 April 2018. I am pleased to provide some of the information you have requested. I have detailed below the information.

**I can confirm that the remainder of the information you have requested is held by Solihull Council, by law. However, I'm unable to give this to you.**

**I can confirm that the information sought is held, but the numbers are very low.**

**The Council is relying upon Section 40(2) FoIA, which provides an exemption from disclosure if doing so would breach any of the principles of the Data Protection Act 1998. It is a well established principle, supported by the Information Commissioner's Office that any disclosure of information under FoIA should not be considered restricted to only the requester, but should be considered a disclosure to the 'world at large' as the public authority has not control over its use and future disclosures.**

**Therefore, the question is whether it is appropriate to disclose the information sought to each and every individual in the world. Having considered this, it is felt that the information sought combined with other details that others such as family, neighbours, friends, pupils, teachers etc. have in their possession or have access to would be likely to identify the individuals in question and after careful consideration the information sought cannot be disclosed.**

## **FOI Response**

1. *The number of persons in the local authority of compulsory school age who are, or claimed to be, electively home educated and who have been either suspected or found to be involved in child abuse, neglect, forced marriage, sexual exploitation, radicalisation or domestic servitude.* **Exempt**
2. *How many (if any) Serious Case Reviews or Joint Area Reviews have been reported with respect to home educated children in the LA.* **Zero**
3. *How many of these children have been put on a CIN plan.* **Zero**
4. *How many of these children have been put into Local Authority care.* **Zero**
5. *How many have ever attended school.* **Exempt**

I hope this information is of interest and assistance. If however you are dissatisfied with the response you have received and wish to request a review of our decision or make a complaint about how your request has been handled you should write to the following address or reply to the email to which this letter is attached:

Corporate Information Governance Manager  
Resources Directorate  
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Your request for an internal review should be submitted to us within 40 days of receipt by you of this response. Any requests received after this time will be considered at the discretion of the Corporate Information Governance Manager.

If having exhausted the review process you are not content that your request or review has been dealt with correctly, you have a further right of appeal to the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO) for a decision. Generally, the ICO will not make a decision until you have exhausted the complaints procedure provided by the council. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at: The Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF. Telephone: 0303 123 1113 (local rate) or 01625 545 745 (national rate). Website: [www.ico.org.uk](http://www.ico.org.uk).

I will now close your request as of this date.

Yours faithfully

Alison McCallum  
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Corporate Performance, Policy and Information