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For the attention of Chris Bury

Email: request-557254-390c77f9@whatdotheyknow.com>

Dear Chris

## **FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 - INFORMATION REQUEST**

Your request for additional information has now been considered and our response is attached.

### Your Request

Some of the figures quoted appear unreliable and obscure, can Worcestershire Council please clarify the use of the numerical figure '5' for item 2,4,5 and 6 separately?

(For example, if the figure '5' is used to obscure the resulting data from the public, can Worcestershire Council explain why this is?

The reason for using the figure "less than 5" was explained in the original letter:

Due to the low numbers involved for some of the answers, the figure quoted is given as less than 5. This is because WCC considers this information to be exempt from disclosure under **Section 40(2)** of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, which relates to personal information, as the low numbers involved, when linked to other information available could lead to the identification of individuals, either by them directly, or the wider community. This would therefore breach Principle one of the Data Protection Act in that it would not be fair or reasonable to put into the public domain such information.

Referring to point 7, of the total enquiries taken (or instigated) under Section 42 of the Care Act 2014, for providers other than The Priory Group and their staff or staff other than of The Priory Group, can Worcestershire Council clarify the number of individual sources and their types to reach the total figures quoted?

Please see attached document.

I draw your attention to the copyright statement and the Reuse of Public Sector Information section attached.

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Worcestershire County Council  
County Hall  
Spetchley Road  
Worcester WR5 2NP

Tel: 01905 846364

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Wilmslow  
Cheshire SK9 5AF

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Yours sincerely

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