

REQUEST

This is a new information request but is linked to a previous request, which was refused by the local authority on grounds of cost. The previous reference was FOI 11726. We are submitting this Freedom of Information Request for information relating to the previous, current, or planned use of data analytics, predictive analytics, and/or algorithmic automated systems used within child and family services

Please can you supply the following information:

- Is the council currently using data analytics, predictive analytics, and/or artificial intelligence systems to support children's service provision? If so, what/which of these?
- 2) Is the council intending to use data analytics and or artificial intelligence systems to support children's service provision? If so, what/which of these?
- 3) Details of any briefing notes, reports, or summaries relating to the use or potential use of data analytics, predictive analytics, and or artificial intelligence systems to support children's service provision, dated within the last 12 months.
- 4) Any meeting minutes, reports, or presentation materials on the efficacy or impact of data analytics, predictive analytics, and or artificial intelligence systems to support children's service provision, dated within the last 12 months.
- 5) Details of any third-party consultants or suppliers of data analytics, predictive analytics, or artificial intelligence systems including any contracts, memoranda of understanding, or other agreements (which may include but not exclusively data sharing agreements), dated within the last 12 months

RESPONSE

- 1) No
- 2) No
- 3) None
- 4) None
- 5) None

Please note that in our last response to a previous iteration of this FOI (FOI 11726) we noted that "Wigan Council undertake a vast amount of data analytics work to inform and support Children's Services provision" and declined the FOI on the grounds that it would take more than 18 hours to complete. On reflection, the incorrect interpretation of your 'data analytics' definition below was utilised and taken to mean the wealth of monitoring data, we use to support operational and strategic service delivery.