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Dear 

Freedom of Information Act 2000

Thank you for requesting information about Troubled Families, which the Council received on 20 March 2013. Your request has been considered under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

You have requested the following information;

The total number of 'troubled families' your local authority is to work with over the three years

Coventry City Council will be working with 905 families.

How many families in your local authority have been identified to work with under the Troubled Families programme;

Year 1 – 300 families

Year 2 – 450 families

Year 3 – 155 families

Of these, how many families fit all three of the Government's criteria of youth crime or anti-social behaviour, truanting, and an adult on out-of-work benefits?

Year 1 – 87 families meet all three criteria

Year 2 – 116 families meet all three criteria.

We do not yet hold this information for Year 3 of the programme. Consequently we are unable to provide this information and are informing you of this, as required under Section 1(1) of the act which states:

"Any person making a request for information to a public authority is entitled to be informed in writing by the public authority whether it holds information of the description specified in the request.

What 'local criteria' are you using to identify families beyond the Government's stipulated criteria?

In addition to the Government's criteria, we are using Police Priority Areas and Domestic Violence and Abuse to identify families.

How many families in your local authority have been 'attached', that is, have consented to engage in the programme;

250 families have consented to engage in the Troubled Families programme. The remaining 50 families have been attached to the Multi-Systemic Therapist programme and the ESF Worklessness project.

How many families in your local authority have declined to consent to being involved in the programme;

None.

Whether you are contracting out to voluntary sector organisation(s) to deliver the Troubled Families programme;

We are not contracting out to voluntary sector organisations.

a. If yes, please state which, and whether it is all or some of the direct delivery.

N/A

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Yours sincerely

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