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Dear [Redacted]

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

Thank you for requesting information about Training which the Council received on 15 January 2014. Your request has been considered under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 ("The Act").

You have requested the following information;

**Is training available for staff on how to spot the signs that a person is associated with/ involved in a gang? If so, how many members of staff have taken the training, in absolute and percentage terms?**

Over a period of years, Youth Offending Service staff at all levels have attended various types of training as required. This has been limited in so far as we have not had an identified issue with juvenile gang membership.

3 managers (50%) have attended National Workshops organised by the Youth Justice Board on Gangs and the introduction/implication of GAMBO's.

We have also held a whole-staff briefing run by Birmingham Police and recognised specialists in gang negotiation.

The Youth Justice Board is currently undertaking a consultation process to ascertain the need to resume a Serious Crime and Gangs Forum. If this is resumed, we will attend this forum.

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Yours sincerely

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