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Dear Sir/Madam

Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA)

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Thank you for your request for information relating to Youth Offending Service.

You have requested the following information:

1. Details regarding the number of premises used regularly by the council's Youth Offending Service.

The Service has largely used home visits, the eight-city community-based family hubs (as appropriate) and a city centre site, nine premises in total.

2. Details regarding the number of the council's Youth Offending Services' premises which have a static weapons detection system i.e. knife arches in place and the name/s of these premises.

The Service does not have a 'static weapon detection system' at the Youth Offending Service (YOS) site, although there are other security measures in place; for example, onsite security and an onsite Police Youth Crime Officer.

3. Details of any mobile weapons detection systems i.e. knife wands used by the council's Youth Offending Service to search young people for weapons and when this is used.

The Service does not use mobile weapon detection systems.

4. Details available of any serious incidents involving weapons on premises used regularly

by the Youth Offending Service or at Youth Offending Service events, including the number of such incidents, between March 2018 and March 2021 and details of how such incidents are recorded.

No reported incidents.

5. Is the council considering introducing weapons detection systems, either static or portable, into premises used regularly by its Youth Offending Service?

Not currently. The Service has largely moved to a model of one to one based direct working. For any planned group activities, a matching process is undertaken, and group activities are only undertaken where it is assessed that this would add value. Office appointments are scheduled on a needs basis and rooms are bookable with break timeslots in between to manage possible crossover periods for said appointments, alongside other risk management measures.

6. Please could you attach any policies used by the council's Youth Offending Service on searching young people aged under 18 for weapons before attending meetings/events on premises used regularly by the Youth Offending Service.

There is no policy on searching young people aged under 18 for weapons used by the Service.

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