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Dear Sir/Madam

**Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA)**

**Request ID: FOI431683532**

Thank you for your request for information relating to Community Trigger.

You have requested the following information:

**1. HOW MANY COMMUNITY TRIGGER APPLICATIONS HAVE YOU RECEIVED FROM APRIL 2018 – APRIL 2022?**

We do not hold this information and are advising you as per Section 1(1) of the Act. At the date of responding, we do not keep records of all historic applications received, however this is due to change.

**2. OUT OF THE COMMUNITY TRIGGER APPLICATIONS THAT YOU HAVE RECEIVED DURING THE PROPOSED TIME FRAME:**

**a. HOW MANY APPLICATIONS DID NOT MEET THE COMMUNITY TRIGGER THRESHOLD?**

**b. HOW MANY MET THE COMMUNITY TRIGGER THRESHOLD?**

**bi. DID ALL OF THOSE THAT MET THE THRESHOLD RESULT IN A PANEL HEARING/REVIEW MEETING? IF NOT, ARE YOU ABLE TO EXPAND ON THE REASONS WHY A REVIEW HEARING DID NOT OCCUR?**

We are unable to answer all of Question 2, please refer to response provided to Question 1.

**3. DO YOU HAVE INFORMATION ON THE COMMUNITY TRIGGER ON YOUR WEBSITE? (SUCH AS, WHAT THE COMMUNITY TRIGGER IS AND HOW TO APPLY FOR THE COMMUNITY TRIGGER)?**

Yes. Please see: <https://www.coventry.gov.uk/community-safety-crime/community-trigger>

#### **4. DO YOU HAVE A SPECIFIED POINT OF CONTACT FOR THOSE SUBMITTING A COMMUNITY TRIGGER?**

Yes. An email address is given on the web page above.

#### **5. WHAT IS YOUR THRESHOLD CRITERIA FOR A COMMUNITY TRIGGER APPLICATION TO BE MET? (PLEASE INCLUDE ANY CAVEATS, FOR EXAMPLE- THE CASE MUST BE CLOSED, ONE OF THE INCIDENTS NEEDS TO HAVE OCCURRED IN THE MONTH PRIOR TO THE APPLICATION BEING MADE, ETC.)**

The test that needs to be met is:

- One person has reported 3 separate incidents relating to the same problem in the past 6 months or
- One person reported 1 incident or crime motivated by hate in the last six months and no action has been taken or
- At least 5 people have made reports about the same problem in the past 6 months and no action has been taken.

The law sets out what will be considered a 'qualifying complaint' for using the Community Trigger. The purpose of this is to prevent someone reporting historical incidents of anti-social behaviour in order to use the Community Trigger. The legislation sets out the following standards:

- the anti-social behaviour was reported within one month of the alleged behaviour taking place; and
- the application to use the Community Trigger is made within six months of the report of antisocial behaviour.

#### **6. PLEASE SELECT HOW THE COMMUNITY TRIGGER CAN BE APPLIED FOR AT YOUR ORGANISATION:**

Online form - Yes

Via telephone - Yes

In writing - Yes

Downloadable form - No

Other (please specify) - We do not exclude any method of contact should someone explicitly state they wish to invoke a community trigger.

#### **7. DO YOU SHARE ALL OF THE COMMUNITY TRIGGER APPLICATIONS YOU RECEIVE WITH ALL THE RELEVANT BODIES?**

Yes. We share with any agency mentioned in the report to verify if reports were made or if allegations of incidents are correct

#### **8. DO YOU PROVIDE AN INDEPENDENT CHAIR TO HOLD YOUR COMMUNITY TRIGGER PANEL HEARINGS?**

No. Not currently, however this will change in our new policy passing through the political process.

##### **a. HOW DO YOU DEFINE INDEPENDENT?**

The Chair is from within your organisation but is not involved with or has had any previous involvement with the case. The Chair will be an elected member, but not from the area involved in the complaint.

#### **9. ARE THE VICTIMS GIVEN THE OPPORTUNITY TO:**

**Attend the initial part of the Community Trigger Panel hearing/case review?**

**Have a representative attend on their behalf?**

**Provide a statement to be read aloud at the Community Trigger Panel hearing/case review?**

Not currently, the new policy will oblige the Chair to make contact with the victim prior to the process to understand their views and wishes. If they appeal they will be able to address the panel directly at the appeal stage

**10. ON WHAT GROUNDS ARE APPLICANTS ABLE TO APPEAL?**

We just ask that they state the reasons for their appeal.

**a. WHO CHAIRS YOUR APPEAL MEETINGS?**

The Chair of the Police and Crime panel, who is currently the Deputy Leader of the Council.

**11. HOW MANY APPEALS HAVE YOU RECEIVED IN RELATION TO THE COMMUNITY TRIGGER APPLICATION NOT MEETING THE THRESHOLD? AND HOW MANY OF THESE APPEALS WERE UPHELD?**

Not applicable.

**12. HOW MANY APPEALS HAVE BEEN MADE FOLLOWING THE OUTCOME OF A COMMUNITY TRIGGER PANEL HEARING/CASE REVIEW?**

Not applicable.

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Yours faithfully

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