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Dear Sir/Madam

Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) Request ID: FOI705862177

Thank you for your request for information relating to Operation Encompass.

You have requested the following information:

- 1. The number of times your local authority contacted a school following an incident of domestic abuse, as per Operation Encompass, since the act became statutory on 24 May 2024.
- 2. How long it took for the school to be contacted after each of these domestic abuse incidents was attended by police.

For Questions 1 and 2, we confirm that we do not hold this information and are advising you as per Section 1(1) of the Act. The local authority is not involved in Operation Encompass Notifications by the police to schools. The statutory duty sits with the police force as per section 49A of the Victims and Prisoners Act 2024 Subsection 1 and 2 (see below):

Arrangements to notify schools etc.

- (1) A chief officer of police of a police force maintained for a police area must ensure that arrangements are in place to secure the objective in subsection 2.
- (2) The objective is that, if a member of the force has reasonable grounds to believe that a child who resides in the police area may be a victim of domestic abuse, any relevant educational establishment is notified as soon as is reasonably practicable except in such circumstances as may be specified in regulations made by the Secretary of State.

The contact details to request this information by West Midlands Police are:

Freedom of Information Unit West Midlands Police PO Box 52, Lloyd House Colmore Circus Queensway Birmingham B4 6NQ

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For information, we publish a variety of information such as: <u>FOI/EIR Disclosure Log</u>, <u>Publication Scheme</u>, <u>Facts about Coventry</u> and <u>Open Data</u> that you may find of useful if you are looking for information in the future.

If you are unhappy with the handling of your request, you can ask us to review our response. Requests for reviews should be submitted within 40 days of the date of receipt of our response to your original request – email: infoqov@coventry.gov.uk

If you are unhappy with the outcome of our review, you can write to the Information Commissioner, who can be contacted at: Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF or email icocasework@ico.org.uk.

Please remember to quote the reference number above in your response.

Yours faithfully

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