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Dear Sir/Madam

Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA)

Request ID: FOI766731651

Thank you for your request for information relating to Youth provision in 2024/25.

You have requested the following information:

1. What are the counts for the below items during the 2024/25 financial year?

a. Overall number of council-ran youth centres in local authority

Nil.

b. Overall number of youth centres in local authority run by other organisations

In response to Question 1b, we confirm we do not hold this information, and we are informing you as per Section 1(1) of the Act. We do not record this information on our system.

However, in order to fulfil our obligation as per Section 16 of the FOIA to advise and assist you, our Coventry Youth Partnership website provides information regarding the types of services which we provide to our young people. Please use the following link:

<https://www.coventryyouthpartnership.org/>

c. Overall number of directly employed youth workers and youth support workers (Head count)

4.

d. Overall number of directly employed youth workers and youth support workers (FTE)

4.

2. As part of the Section 251 Outturn submitted to Department for Education for the 2024/25 financial year, which budget line did your local authority include expenditure on Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) programme?

(e.g., 2.4.1 (Other specific grants); 3.5.2 Targeted services for young people)

The budget line we included this expenditure on was Section Line 2.4.1.

3. How much did your local authority spend on the Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) programme in the 2024/25 financial year?

£1,587,840.

4. As part of the expenditure on youth services (lines 3.5.1 to 3.5.3 of the Section 251 Outturn submitted to the Department for Education in the 2024/25 financial year), how much income was from mayoral combined authority funding?

Nil.

5. Did your local authority receive any of the Youth Investment Fund from the Department for Digital, Culture, Media & Sport in the 2024/25 financial year?

a. Yes / No

No.

If yes,

b. How much money was received?

c. What project(s) was YIF used for in your local authority?

d. Was this a new-build or refurbishment/renovation of existing space?

e. What was the split of funding between capital (e.g., building, renovations) and revenue (service delivery)?

f. Was this funding included as part of your Section 251 Outturn statement to DfE? If so, which budget line was this attributed to, and in which financial year?

Not applicable.

6. In the Department for Culture, Media and Sport's Statutory guidance for local authorities on services to improve young people's wellbeing (published 27 September 2023), it states that "Local authorities must determine what activities and associated facilities should be available to young people in their area", and "should start by establishing what the needs of the young people in their area are, both in terms of activities and facilities, through a needs assessment."

Has your local authority conducted a needs based assessment in the last three years?

a. Yes / No

No.

If Yes,

b. When was this conducted?

c. How was this achieved? (E.g., analysing available data, taking views from providers,

benchmarking approaches, regular audits of provision, using the National Youth Agency [NYA] statutory duty toolkit, as part of a Joint Strategic Needs Assessment [JSNA], as part of a public health review, etc.)

Not applicable.

If No,

7.d. Does your local authority plan to conduct a needs based assessment on youth provision within the next four years? If so, when will this be?

We are currently discussing with Positive Youth Foundation on behalf of the Coventry Youth Partnership what information we have, and how we might collectively approach updating our needs assessment. This is planned as an item on the One Coventry Partnership Board for early 2026.

8. Under Section 507B of the Education Act 1996, “local authorities must consult, and take into account the views of young people in their area on: current provision; the need for additional activities and facilities; access to those activities and facilities”

Has your local authority consulted young people on youth provision in the last four years?

a. Yes / No

No.

If Yes,

b. When was this conducted?

c. How was this achieved? (E.g., surveys, visits to youth groups, feedback sessions in schools, youth councils, youth-led peer reviews, as part of the Department for Culture, Media & Sport's Deliver You campaign)

Not applicable.

If No,

d. Does your local authority plan to consult with young people on youth provision within the next four years? If so, when will this be?

Please refer to our response to Question 7.

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Yours faithfully

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