



Information Governance

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Dear Sir/Madam.

Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA)
Request ID: REQ04543

Thank you for your request for information relating to Data Analytics.

You have requested the following information:

We are submitting the following Freedom of Information Request for documents relating to uses of data analytics, predictive analytics, or algorithmic automated systems used for risk assessment, scoring systems or automated decision making within the jurisdiction of your authority. This could include the use of these data systems in order to draw insights from large and integrated datasets, or to influence decisions about resources, funding or service delivery. This could include, but may not be limited to, uses of predictive analytics in child welfare, health care, adult social care, fraud detection, or policing.

Specifically, we are requesting:

- Any briefing notes, reports, evaluations, or summaries concerning uses of algorithmically driven data systems. Ideally this would include information about software, hardware, operations and types of data**

The Council are very keen to consider looking at algorithmically driven data systems to assist with decision-making, where this fits in with our overall priorities. Further details can be found using the following link:

www.coventry.gov.uk/councilplan

The Council's Education team use systems to provide predictions about future attainment, recognising that prior attainment may be used as an indicator of future attainment, and that school and demographic data.

For more information on the systems used by the Council, please refer to the following websites:

FFTASPIRE - <https://fft.org.uk/>

NEXUS - <https://www.ncer.org/>

CAPITA ONE - <https://www.capita-one.co.uk/product-and-services/one-education-and-childrens-services/one-analytics>

The Council's Council Tax and Benefits team does not use systems of the type described in the FOI request but does use data provided by a third party software supplier for Risk Based Verification (RBV) of benefit claims. The Department for Work and Pensions (DWP) expect Councils to use RBV for assessment of new claims. The Council does not have a contract with the third party supplier but receives the service as part of its contract with Capita, the Council's software supplier.

- Any overviews about how system outputs are produced.

This information is not held.

- Any training manuals or materials (e.g. slides, etc.) for staff about data collection, analysis, assessment and reporting as related to the use of the systems.

This information is not held.

. Any impact assessments

This information is not held.

- Any data visualisation outputs connected to the systems.

This information is not held.

- Any promotional material, presentation material, or staff educational material related to the systems.

This information is not held.

. Any contracts relating to the systems.

Any information relating to Council contracts are accessible to you via the Council website, please use the following link:-

<http://www.coventry.gov.uk/contractsregister>

We therefore do not have to provide the information as per Section 21 of the FOIA.

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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: infogov@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 casework@ico.org.uk.

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

Yours faithfully

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