



**Information Governance**

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Dear Sir/Madam

**Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA)  
Request ID: REQ06200**

Thank you for your request for information relating to abuse against Councillors.

Your request and our responses are outlined below:

**I wish to submit a request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 regarding reports of abuse against councillors for the past three years.**

**Please can you supply me with your records for 2016, 2017, 2018 and 2019 to date? Please state the number of reports of abuse against councillors for each year. Please also state the nature of the abuse: ie physical, verbal, online.**

We can confirm that we do not hold this information being requested and are advising you as per Section 1(1) of the Act. Councillors are not employees of the Council and therefore this information is not recorded.

The Council does however provide support to Councillors who are experiencing or who have experienced abuse and if Councillors are members of a political party they may also choose to seek support from their party.

The supply of information in response to a freedom of information request does not confer an automatic right to re-use the information. You can use any information supplied for the purposes of private study and non-commercial research without requiring further permission. Similarly, information supplied can also be re-used for the purposes of news reporting. An exception to this is photographs. Please contact us if you wish to use the information for any other purpose.

Should you wish to make any further requests for information, you may find what you are looking for is already published on the [Council's web site](#) and in particular its FOI/EIR [Disclosure log](#), [Council's Publication Scheme](#), [Open Data](#) and [Facts about Coventry](#).

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](mailto: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](mailto:casework@ico.org.uk).

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

Yours faithfully

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