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Dear Sir/Madam

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

**Request ID: FOI518686129**

Thank you for your request for information relating to Children Missing Education.

You have requested the following information:

**1. In 2019, how many school-age children did the local authority categorise as Children Missing Education (CME), as set out in Section 436A Education Act 1996.**

During the period 1 November 2019 to 31 October 2020 there were 1,039 open cases.

Please note: 1 November 2019 is the date we started recording cases on our current database.

**2. As of the date of this request, how many school-age children does the local authority currently categorise as Children Missing Education (CME), as set out in Section 436A Education Act 1996.**

**For clarification: Children missing education are children of compulsory school age who are not registered pupils at a school and are not receiving suitable education elsewhere.**

As of 24 May 2023, there were 359 recorded CME cases.

**3. How many Education Welfare Officers, or equivalent school attendance roles, were employed by the local authority in:**

**a. 2013**

As of 1 April 2018, there were five “Local Authority Attendance Officers” employed by Coventry City Council. Please note that prior to 2018 there was a different structure in place and “Local Authority Attendance Officers” did not exist.

**b. on the date of this request.**

As of 1 May 2023, there were seven “Local Authority Attendance Officers” employed by Coventry City Council.

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Yours faithfully

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