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Dear Sir/Madam

Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA)

Request ID: FOI588295266

Thank you for your request for information relating to Library service points.

You have requested the following information:

1. How many library service points did you have by the end of 2016 (calendar year)? Do you have a list of addresses for those at all? Please detail mobile libraries separately to buildings.

Following careful consideration, the information you requested falls under the exemption(s) in Section 21 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, which relates to 'information reasonably accessible to the applicant by other means.'

The exemption applies as the information is published and publicly available to view by accessing the following webpage link:

<https://www.data.gov.uk/dataset/782d6528-11bd-4ae0-ae47-63b456c84e76/public-libraries-in-england-basic-dataset>

2. How many library service points did you have by the end of 2023 (calendar year)? Please provide the addresses and detail mobile libraries separately to buildings.

Following careful consideration, the information you requested falls under the exemption(s) in Section 21 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, which relates to 'information reasonably accessible to the applicant by other means.'

The exemption applies as the information is published and publicly available to view by accessing the following webpage link:

<https://www.artscouncil.org.uk/supporting-arts-museums-and-libraries/supporting-libraries> There is no change from this data and end of 2023

3. Of those, which have had their opening hours reduced since 2016? And can you outline any changes please?

Central Library closed 7.00pm instead of 8.00pm Monday to Friday (5 hours)

Bell Green, Stoke and Tile Hill Libraries closed on a Sunday 12.00 noon to 4.00pm (4 hours)

Foleshill Library closed on a Wednesday 9.00am to 7.00pm (10 hours) plus Sunday 12.00 noon to 4.00pm (4 hours)

Caludon Castle Library reduction of 3 hours on Wednesdays (2.00 to 5.00pm)

Earlsdon Library reduction of 14 hours - due to Community Managed

Finham Library reduction of 28 hours due to Community Managed

Arena Park Library closed - replaced by Holbrooks Library open 20 hours per week

4. How many of these libraries have been transferred from council control to the control of volunteers since 2016?

Three.

5. Please tell us how many libraries have moved premises since 2016 and provide the former and current address.

1 - Hillfields Library. Details are provided in the information for Q1 and Q2

2 - Willenhall Library. Details are provided in the information for Q1 and Q2

6. Please tell us how many new libraries have opened since 2016 (not existing libraries moving to different buildings) and provide addresses.

None.

7. How many library service points are proposed for closure within the next year? Please detail any mobile libraries separately to buildings.

None.

8. How many members of staff worked for your libraries' service by the end of 2016 calendar year (headcount please, not FTE)? And how many members of staff work for your libraries' service by the end of 2023 calendar year (headcount please, not FTE)?

End of 2016: 174

End of 2023: 123

9. How many library service points were operated by volunteers by the end of 2016 calendar year? And how many library service points are operated by volunteers by the end of 2023 calendar? Please detail any mobile libraries separately to buildings.

2016: 0

2023: 3

10. The net spend on library services each year in the period 2016 to 2024.

2016 - 17: £4,724,312

2017 - 18: £4,297,931
2018 - 19: £3,927,636
2019 - 20: £3,795,010
2020 - 21: £3,746,668
2021 - 22: £3,851,729
2022 - 23: £4,139,828
2023 - 24: Not available

**11. How many books have been classed as Lost, Stolen or Missing per annum since 2016?
Please also provide figures for the financial cost.**

We do not hold this information and are therefore advising you as per Section 1(1) of the Act. Since changing our Library Management System Supplier in April 2023 we no longer have access to this data.

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Yours faithfully

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