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Dear Sir/Madam

**Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA)  
Request ID: FOI664398908**

Thank you for your request for information relating to Youth provision.

You have requested the following information:

**I am writing with a Freedom of Information request with regards to expenditure on children and young people's services.**

**1. What are the counts for the below items during the 2023/24 financial year?**

**• Overall number of council-ran youth centres in local authority**

None.

**• Overall number of youth centres in local authority run by other organisations**

The Coventry Youth Partnership act as a central hub to co-ordinate, facilitate and support deliverers of young people's services in the city. Please use the following link for more details:

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

**• Overall number of directly employed youth workers and youth support workers (Head count) :**

Four in Early Help:

Youth Justice/Horizon

1 FTE Senior Youth Worker,

1 FTE Youth Worker

1 Part-time Assistant Youth Worker

• **Overall number of directly employed youth workers and youth support workers (FTE)**

3.5 Early help

2.5 Horizon / Youth Justice

**2. As part of the Section 251 Outturn submitted to Department for Education for the 2023/24 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)

2.4.1 Other Specific Grants

**3. How much did your local authority spend on the Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) programme in the 2023/24 financial year?**

£1,553,530

**4. Did your local authority receive any of the Youth Investment Fund from the Department for Digital, Culture, Media & Sport in the 2023/24 financial year?**

No.

If Yes,

a. How much money was received? N/A

b. What project(s) was YIF used for in your local authority? N/A

c. Was this a new-build or refurbishment/renovation of existing space? N/A

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

e. 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? N/A

**5. 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.

If Yes,

**a. When was this conducted?**

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 Council website, please use the following links:

<https://www.coventry.gov.uk/facts-coventry/joint-strategic-needs-assessment-jsna>

<https://edemocracy.coventry.gov.uk/documents>

<https://www.coventry.gov.uk/seriousviolenceduty>

[https://www.coventry.gov.uk/downloads/file/33358/early\\_help\\_strategy.pdf](https://www.coventry.gov.uk/downloads/file/33358/early_help_strategy.pdf)

**b. How was this achieved? (E.g., analysing available data, taking views from providers, benchmarking approaches, regular audits of provision)**

Please refer to response/links above.

**If No,**

**a. 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? N/A**

**6. 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

**If Yes,**

**a. When was this conducted?**

Various consultations and engagement activities have taken place to understand young people’s views on the current provision, and what their needs are.

This is an ongoing consultation across the region being led by a Coventry based organisation – Positive Youth Foundation – please see link below and also links above:

<https://www.positiveyouthfoundation.org/youth-voice>

**How was this achieved? (E.g., surveys, visits to youth groups, feedback sessions in schools, youth councils, youth-led peer reviews)**

Please see link below

<https://www.positiveyouthfoundation.org/youth-voice>

**If No,**

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

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Yours faithfully

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