



REQUEST 19503

1. Since the 1st of January 2015, how many cases has the council identified in which a child who was electively home educated was referred to Prevent?
2. In how many of those cases was elective home education identified as a contributing factor in the referral?
3. Does the council hold any evidence that elective home education has been identified as a factor contributing to radicalisation in any Prevent referral? *If so, please provide a brief description of the case (with any personal data redacted).*

RESPONSE

Under Section 26 of the Counter-Terrorism and Security Act 2015, local authorities are subject to the Prevent duty, which requires specified authorities to have due regard to the need to prevent people from being drawn into terrorism. However, the Act and accompanying statutory Prevent guidance make clear that Prevent referrals are made directly to Counter Terrorism Policing, who are the data controllers for those referrals, alongside the Home Office.

Wigan Council is not the recipient or owner of Prevent referral data and does not hold a central record of all Prevent referrals made in its area. As such, the Council does not hold information on:

- the total number of Prevent referrals made since 1st January 2015;
- whether a referred child was electively home educated; or
- factors considered at the point of referral, including whether elective home education was identified as contributing to concern.

In summary, any data relating to Prevent referrals would be held by Counter Terrorism Policing and/or the Home Office, who are the appropriate authorities to contact regarding such information.

This response is provided in accordance with Section 1 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, as the requested information is not held by Wigan Council.