

REQUEST

I would like to request the following information under the FOI Act 2000.

I would like to request the following information:

1. How many items have been handed in at Coventry Central Police Station in 2017?

2256

2. What were the items handed in? E.g Keys, bank cards, wallets, pets, drugs, weapons etc. Please be as specific as possible eg. Pets - snake, Drugs - 1g cannabis, Weapons - crossbow, knuckle dusters etc.

Please see the attached document for list of the primary objects handed into to the Coventry Central Police station in 2017.

3. What is the force's policy for logging lost property which is handed in at police stations?

Any property that is handed in at the Police Station is booked onto the property system.

A copy of the policy is available here

<http://foi.west-midlands.police.uk/wp-content/uploads/2014/05/Property-Operational.pdf>

4. What happens to the different types of property if it is not claimed?

See answer within question 5

5. What are the timescales for the force keeping lost property?

The items would be kept for 28 days, after that time the finder can make a claim for the property they found. If after another 14 days the finder has not claimed the property then the items would be destroyed as per force policy, i.e. money would be paid into WMP Property Fund, and any items of value would be put to auction and the money raised would be paid into the WMP Property Fund. Any items that may hold personal data, phones, laptops etc. would not be sent to auction but would be destroyed.