

**From:** Freedom of Information Requests

**Sent:** 15 August 2023 12:08

**To:**

**Subject:** FOI Response - [REDACTED]

Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request dated 18 July 2023 for information about policies for homeless young people and supported accommodation. Please find below City of Doncaster Council's responses to the questions you have raised.

1. Copies of any current local authority policies and procedures specifically relating to 16 and 17 year-olds who present to the local authority as homeless and/or estranged from their parents.

Response: Please find this attached.

2. Copies of any materials produced by the local authority specifically for 16 and 17 year-olds who present to the local authority as homeless and/or estranged from their parents. (Please note, we are seeking only those materials which are currently in use).

Response: This information is exempt from disclosure under Section 22 of the Freedom of information Act. Section 22 exempts information from the right of access under the Freedom of Information Act if it is information intended for future publication. The information you have requested will be published in November 2023.

As Section 22 is a qualified exemption, the City of Doncaster Council is obliged to consider whether disclosure of the information would be in the public interest before refusing to supply the information. Therefore the City of Doncaster Council has taken the following factors into account:

Factors for disclosing information:

- The City of Doncaster Council wishes to operate in an open and transparent way
- We recognise that decisions and plans should be open to accountability
- The information will be of interest to members of the public

Factors for withholding information:

- It is unfair to provide individual members of the public with access to the information prior to it being available to all
- Disclosure of partial or incomplete information may be detrimental and may not provide accurate details
- To release the information now would be misleading and unreliable as it may be subject to change
- There is a planned programme of publication for this information. The Council considers that it is reasonable to wait until the planned disclosure dates
- The documentation is in draft and has not yet been finalised. To release it at this stage may result in numerous queries which we are not in a position to give accurate responses to until this is finalised.

Taking these factors into consideration, the City of Doncaster Council has decided that the reasons for withholding the information outweigh those for disclosing it and we will not be providing the information at this time.

3. Copies of any current local authority policies and procedures specifically relating to the use of semi-independent or independent accommodation ('supported accommodation') for looked after children aged 16 and 17.

Response: Please find this attached.

Please also refer to the Children and Young People's Plan 2022-2025 which can be found here: <https://dmbcwebstolive01.blob.core.windows.net/media/Default/ChildrenYoungPeopleFamilies/Documents/CYPP-2022-LR2.pdf>

I hope that this information is useful to you.

The City of Doncaster Council estimates that it has cost £42.50 to respond to this request for information.

**Reviewing any decisions made:**

If you are not happy with this reply you can ask us to review our response. To do this write to us within 40 working days of receiving your response at the address below or email [FOIAppeals@doncaster.gov.uk](mailto:FOIAppeals@doncaster.gov.uk)

If you do not agree with the review decision you can apply to the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO) for a decision about our compliance or otherwise with the Freedom of Information legislation. Contact details for the ICO are: Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF. [www.ico.org.uk](http://www.ico.org.uk) Telephone 0303 123 1113.

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