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To: [REDACTED]
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Subject: FOI - [REDACTED] - Response
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Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request dated 2 February 2024, for information about children in care accommodation.

Please find below City of Doncaster Council's amended response to the questions you have raised.

1. The total number of children in care you currently have placed in registered children's homes, both local authority owned and independently owned

Response:

External providers = 52 children

In-house = 13 children

2. The total number of children in care you currently have placed in unregistered children's homes (defined as providing care as well as support but not officially registered) and the number of them in such accommodation aged under 16.

Response:

Over 16 = There are 70 Young people in 16+ placements, all providers are going through the Ofsted process.

Under 16 - Please see Section 40 Exemption Notice below:

Section 40 Refusal Notice:

This information is exempt from disclosure under Section 40(2) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000. The information requested is third party personal data (i.e. personal data about someone other than you). Section 40 (2) provides that information which is third party personal data is exempt from disclosure if one of three conditions is satisfied. In this case the following condition applies:

- Disclosure would contravene one of the data protection principles

The information you have requested is personal data and has not been provided in this case as City of Doncaster Council believes that the release of such low numbers to responses could specifically lead to the identification of a child/individual who otherwise would not expect their personal information to be released into the public domain. City of Doncaster Council owes a duty of confidence to its citizens and in this case consent has not been given to the disclosure of this information. Disclosing details without consent would breach that duty of confidence and be unlawful. We therefore are unable to provide the requested information at this time.

3. The total number of children in care you currently have placed in unregulated semi-independent living accommodation (defined as providing support rather than care) and the number of them in such accommodation aged under 16.

Response:

Of the 70 young people over 16, 60 are in Semi Supported Living.

There are no children under the age of 16 in such accommodation.

4. The total number of children in care in unregulated placements (whether unregistered children's homes or semi-independent living accommodation) that are unaccompanied asylum seekers and the number of them in such accommodation aged under 16.

Response:

10 unaccompanied asylum seeking children are living independently.

There are no children under the age of 16 in such accommodation.

5. The average annual cost for children in care you placed in local authority registered children's homes for the financial year 2022/23.

Response:

The annual costs for children in care placed in local authority registered children's homes for the financial year 2022/23 is £199,004.

6. The annual cost for children in care you placed in independent registered children's homes for the financial year 2022/23.

Response:

The annual cost for children in care placed in independent registered children's homes for the financial year 2022/23 is £326,149.72.

7. The annual cost for children in care you placed in unregistered children's homes for the financial year 2022/23.

Response:

The average annual cost for children in care placed in unregistered children's homes for the financial year 2022/23 is £91,549.12

8. The average annual cost for children in care you placed in unregulated semi-independent living accommodation for the financial year 2022/23.

Response:

The annual cost for children in care placed in unregulated semi-independent living accommodation for the financial year 2022/23, from the figure above is £103,485.20.

Please note, this figure does not include corporate overheads.

I hope that this information is useful to you.

City of Doncaster Council estimates that it has cost £46.00 to respond to this request for information.

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