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Thank you for your request for information regarding Section 20 Children Act 1989.

**Request:**

1. Please confirm whether your local authority has a children's services department.
  
2. If yes, please confirm whether your local authority has any of the following:-
  - (i) a written policy relating to the use of Section 20 Children Act 1989 voluntary agreements with parents and others with parental responsibility;
  - (ii) written guidance for social workers in the authority about the use of Section 20 voluntary agreements with parents and others with parental responsibility;
  - (iii) any local or national guidance, protocols or other material that you use in your authority when preparing or working with families under Section 20 voluntary agreements;
  - (iiii) a template form of written agreement for parents regarding entering into a Section 20 voluntary arrangement;
  - (iiiii) written information provided to parents or others with parental responsibility when a Section 20 voluntary agreement is being considered.
  
3. If yes, please provide a copy of these documents.

**Response:**

This information is exempt from disclosure under Section 21 of the Freedom of information Act. Section 21 exempts information from the right of access if that information is reasonably accessible to the applicant by other means. In this case the information is available at: <https://doncastercs.trixonline.co.uk/chapter/decision-to-look-after#section-20-accommodation>

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

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.

Yours sincerely

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