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From: FOI Responses
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To: contact@send.org.uk
Subject: [REDACTED] Response
Attachments: 3 NEW DP AGREEMENT.docx

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Thank you for your Freedom of Information request dated 18 n for information about direct payments paid by the council to a family to meet the needs of a disabled child.

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

1. Does your council have a policy setting out the circumstance where a Direct Payment paid by the council to a family to meet the needs of a disabled child may be requested to be repaid to the council?

Response:

Yes. City of Doncaster Council does have a policy as described above.

2. If the answer to question 1 is yes, please provide a copy of that policy or explain why providing a copy of the policy is nor possible.

Response:

Please see attached Direct Payment Agreement

3. If the answer to question 1 is no, or if you are unable to provide a copy of the policy as per question 2, please could you say in which circumstances your council would feel it appropriate to request repayment of direct payments made to meet the needs of a disabled child.

Response:

Not applicable.

4. How many times in each of the last 5 years has your council requested direct payments to meet the need of a disabled child to be repaid to the council? e., this occurred 'x' times in 2019, 'y' times in 2020, 'z' times in 2021, etc.

Response:

2018/19 – 7 invoices raised.
2019/20 – 6 invoices raised.
2020/21 – 2 invoices raised.
2022/23 – 1 invoice raised.
2023/24 – 0 Invoices raised.

5. For your reply to question 3, please can you specify if your figures relate to a calendar, financial, school, or other type of year. Financial Year

Response:

Not applicable.

6. If question 4 is not able to be answered due to the resources needed to obtain the information, please could you confirm whether ANY direct payments to meet the needs of a disabled child were requested to be repaid to the council in each of the last 5 years.

Response:

Not applicable

7. If questions 4 and 6 are not able to be answered due to the resources needed to obtain the information, please could the council explain the reasons why that information is not easily accessible and monitored by the management of the team responsible for disabled children's services or the management of the team responsible for direct payments.

Response:

Not applicable.

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.

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

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 Telephone 0303 123 1113.

Yours sincerely,

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