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To: [REDACTED]

Subject: Freedom of Information Response – [REDACTED]

Importance: Normal

Sensitivity: None

Dear Sir/Madam,

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request dated 22nd June 2025 for information regarding Social, Emotional, and Mental Health (SEMH) bed provision. Please find below City of Doncaster Council's responses to the questions you have raised.

Question 1: The number of children and young people (aged 0–25) with Education, Health, and Care Plans (EHCPs) where SEMH is identified as a primary or secondary need.

Response:

31/12/2020 – 399

31/12/2021 – 469

31/12/2022 – 635

31/12/2023 – 719

31/12/2024 – 908

25/06/2025 – 965 (to date)

Question 2: The current number of SEMH-specific beds (e.g., in residential care, special schools, or inpatient mental health units) commissioned or provided by Doncaster Council, including a breakdown by provider type (NHS, private, voluntary sector).

Response: The City of Doncaster Council do not commission SEMH specific beds. The City of Doncaster Council do have children with SEMH placed in Residential Care but the providers are not SEMH specific. For this information you would need to contact NHS England and South Yorkshire Integrated Care Board. Details of how you can make Freedom of Information requests to these organisations can be found here: [NHS England » Freedom of Information Act and Environmental Information Regulations](#) and [Freedom of Information \(FOI\) :: South Yorkshire I.C.B](#)

Question 3: The number of out-of-area SEMH bed placements commissioned by Doncaster Council annually, including associated costs.

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Question 4: Any forecasting data or commissioning plans for SEMH bed provision in Doncaster for 2025–2030, including anticipated demand or planned expansions.

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Question 5: A list of providers currently commissioned by Doncaster Council to deliver SEMH residential or inpatient services.

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I hope that this information is useful to you.

City of Doncaster Council estimates that it has cost £49.00 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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Please treat the content of this e-mail as confidential. If you have received this e-mail and it is not addressed to you please accept my apologies and inform me as soon as possible.

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 22 June 2025 10:29
To: Freedom of Information Requests <FOI.Requests@doncaster.gov.uk>
Subject: Freedom of Information Request – SEMH Bed Provision and Commissioning Data

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Dear Freedom of Information Officer,

I am writing to request information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 regarding Social, Emotional, and Mental Health (SEMH) bed provision and commissioning in Doncaster. The information will support market research into unmet demand for SEMH services.

Please provide the following data for the period 2020–2025, where available:

1. The number of children and young people (aged 0–25) with Education, Health, and Care Plans (EHCPs) where SEMH is identified as a primary or secondary need.
2. The current number of SEMH-specific beds (e.g., in residential care, special schools, or inpatient mental health units) commissioned or provided by Doncaster Council, including a breakdown by provider type (NHS, private, voluntary sector).
3. The number of out-of-area SEMH bed placements commissioned by Doncaster Council annually, including associated costs.
4. Any forecasting data or commissioning plans for SEMH bed provision in Doncaster for 2025–2030, including anticipated demand or planned expansions.
5. A list of providers currently commissioned by Doncaster Council to deliver SEMH residential or inpatient services.

If any data is unavailable, please provide the closest available equivalent or explain why the information cannot be provided. I would prefer the data in electronic format (e.g., Excel or PDF).

Please acknowledge receipt of this request and respond within 20 working days, as required by the Freedom of Information Act

2000.

Thank you for your assistance.

