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To: [REDACTED]

Subject: Freedom of Information Response [REDACTED]

Importance: Normal

Sensitivity: None

Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request dated 10th March 2025 for information about looked after children. Please find below City of Doncaster Council's responses to the questions you have raised.

Question 1: How many children are looked-after by the local authority?

Response: There are currently 513 looked-after children under the City of Doncaster Council.

Question 1a: How many of these children are looked-after as a result of or because they were at risk of abuse or neglect?

Response: 351 of these looked after children are a result of or because they were at risk of abuse or neglect.

Question 1b: How many of these children are looked-after due to the parent's disability or illness?

Response: 7 of these looked after children is due to the parent's disability or illness.

Question 2: How many children that are looked-after by the local authority have a neurodevelopmental diagnosis? Neurodevelopmental diagnoses in this case refer to diagnoses of attention deficit/ hyperactivity disorder (ADHD, ADD), autism (autism spectrum disorder, Asperger's) and chronic Tics or Tourette's (Tourette syndrome, Tic disorder).

Response: There are 16 looked after children by the City of Doncaster Council that have a neurodevelopment diagnosis.

Question 2a: How many of these children are looked-after as a result of or because they were at risk of abuse or neglect?

Response: 7 of these children are looked after as a result of or because they were at risk of abuse or neglect.

Question 2b: How many of these children are looked-after due to the parent's disability or illness?

Response: 0 of these children are looked after due to the parent's disability or illness.

Question 3: How many children that are looked-after by the local authority have a diagnosis of attention-deficit/hyperactivity disorder (ADHD, ADD)?

Response:

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). 'a0 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:

1. 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 this information, along with such low numbers to responses (this is below 5), could specifically lead to the identification of a child, who otherwise would not expect their personal information to be released into the public domain.

Question 3a: How many of these children are looked-after as a result of or because they were at risk of abuse or neglect?

Response:

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Question 3b: How many of these children are looked-after due to the parent's disability or illness?

Response: 0 of these children are looked after due to the parent's disability or illness.

Question 4: How many children that are looked-after by the local authority have a diagnosis of autism (autism spectrum disorder, Asperger's)?

Response: There are 14 children that are looked after by the City of Doncaster Council that have diagnosis of autism.

Question 4a: How many of these children are looked-after as a result of or because they were at risk of abuse or neglect?

Response: 5 of these children are looked after as a result of or because they were at risk of abuse or neglect.

Question 4b: How many of these children are looked-after due to the parent's disability or illness?

Response: 0 of these children are looked after due to the parent's disability or illness.

Question 5: How many children that are looked-after by the local authority have a diagnosis of chronic Tics or Tourette's (Tourette syndrome, Tic disorder)?

Response: This information is not held by the City of Doncaster Council.

Question 5a: How many of these children are looked-after as a result of or because they were at risk of abuse or neglect?

Response: This information is not held by the City of Doncaster Council.

Question 5b: How many of these children are looked-after due to the parent's disability or illness?

Response: This information is not held by the City of Doncaster Council.

Question 6: Has the designated health professional/clinical commissioning group ever reported to the corporate parenting board on the numbers and needs of looked-after children with a diagnosis of: ADHD? Autism? Tic disorder/ Tourette syndrome?

Response: The designated health professional/clinical commissioning group has never reported to the corporate parenting board on the numbers and needs of looked after children with a diagnosis of ADHD, Autism, Tic disorder/Tourette syndrome

Question 7: Has the virtual school head ever reported to the corporate parenting board on the numbers and needs of looked-after children with an ADHD diagnosis? ADHD? Autism? Tic disorder/ Tourette syndrome?

Response: The virtual school head has never reported to the corporate parenting board on the numbers and needs of looked after children with a diagnosis of ADHS Autism, Tic disorder/Tourette syndrome.

I hope that this information is useful to you.

City of Doncaster Council estimates that it has cost £98.00 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.

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To: Freedom of Information Requests <FOI.Requests@doncaster.gov.uk>

Subject: Fol Request

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Good afternoon,

I am writing to you under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 to request the following information from Doncaster Borough Council. Please may you provide me with answers to the following questions:

- How many children are looked-after by the local authority?
 - How many of these children are looked-after as a result of or because they were at risk of abuse or neglect?
 - How many of these children are looked-after due to the parent's disability or illness?
- How many children that are looked-after by the local authority have a neurodevelopmental diagnosis? Neurodevelopmental diagnoses in this case refer to diagnoses of attention deficit/ hyperactivity disorder (ADHD, ADD), autism (autism spectrum disorder, Asperger's) and chronic Tics or Tourette's (Tourette syndrome, Tic disorder).

- How many of these children are looked-after as a result of or because they were at risk of abuse or neglect?
- How many of these children are looked-after due to the parent's disability or illness?
- How many children that are looked-after by the local authority have a diagnosis of attention-deficit/hyperactivity disorder (ADHD, ADD)?
 - How many of these children are looked-after as a result of or because they were at risk of abuse or neglect?
 - How many of these children are looked-after due to the parent's disability or illness?
- How many children that are looked-after by the local authority have a diagnosis of autism (autism spectrum disorder, Asperger's)?
 - How many of these children are looked-after as a result of or because they were at risk of abuse or neglect?
 - How many of these children are looked-after due to the parent's disability or illness?
- How many children that are looked-after by the local authority have a diagnosis of chronic Tics or Tourette's (Tourette syndrome, Tic disorder)?
 - How many of these children are looked-after as a result of or because they were at risk of abuse or neglect?
 - How many of these children are looked-after due to the parent's disability or illness?
- Has the designated health professional/clinical commissioning group ever reported to the corporate parenting board on the numbers and needs of looked-after children with a diagnosis of:
 - ADHD?
 - Autism?
 - Tic disorder/ Tourette syndrome?
- Has the virtual school head ever reported to the corporate parenting board on the numbers and needs of looked-after children with an ADHD diagnosis?
 - ADHD?
 - Autism?
 - Tic disorder/ Tourette syndrome?

Please provide the information in an email. If it is not possible to provide the information requested due to the information exceeding the cost of compliance limits identified in Section 12, please provide advice and assistance, under the Section 16 obligations of the Act, as to how I can refine my request.

If you can identify any ways that my request could be refined, I would be grateful for any further advice and assistance.

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If you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact me via email and I will be very happy to clarify what I am asking for and discuss the request, my details are outlined below.

Thank you for your time and I look forward to your response.

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