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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST 1393

I write further to your email dated 24 November 2020.

Your request has been dealt with under the terms of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA), explained on our <u>freedom of information</u> page.

Your request:

Between 31 March and 31 October 2018, how many referrals did your council receive from organisations concerning someone they believed might be homeless or may be threatened with homelessness (defined as 'within the next 56 days' from time of application)?

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Could you please give me the description of, and figures for the three most common types of organisations which referred someone they thought might be homeless or may be threatened with homelessness to you over this period?

Social Services, Probation.

Could you please give me the description of, and figures for the three most common types of reasons, as stated in the referrals, why those referred found themselves in that position of homelessness or at risk of homelessness?

I can confirm that North West Leicestershire District Council holds the information you have requested. However, the information you have requested is exempt from disclosure under section 40 of the FOIA. Section 40 (2) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 provides that personal data is exempt from disclosure if one of the conditions contained in section 40 (3) is satisfied. Section 40 (3A) (a) applies where disclosure of information would contravene data protection principles.

In this case, the requested information is exempt from disclosure as it constitutes personal data and therefore its release would breach the data protection principles of article 5 of the General Data Protect Regulations (GDPR). While the information would not normally be exempt in this manner, the small number of data subjects referred to make it likely that disclosing reasons for referrals may enable specific individuals to be identified.

How many applicants, who were referred to you from organisations which believed they might be homeless or threatened with homelessness, were found to be eligible for assistance?

Could you please give me the description of, and figures for the three most allocated types of accommodation these eligible applicants were subsequently offered in their personalised housing plan?

Supported Shared Accomodation

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If you are dissatisfied with the information supplied please feel free to contact me on the number above for any queries in relation to this response. Please note that in responding to further enquiries I can only comment on the information contained within this correspondence and cannot provide any further information that may pertain to an additional FOIA request.

Please remember to quote the Authority's four digit reference number given at the top of this email in any future communications.

If you remain dissatisfied following the conclusion of the above informal review, you have the right to ask for an internal review. A request for a review whether formal or informal should be submitted within two calendar months of the date of receipt of the response to your original letter and should be sent to <u>DPO@NWLeicestershire.gov.uk</u> or the address above.

Further details on our appeals and complaints procedure can be found on our website here.

If you remain dissatisfied following the conclusion of the internal review, you have the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at <u>accessicoinformation@ico.org.uk</u>.

Yours sincerely

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