

Dear Will Calver

Request pursuant to Freedom of Information Act 2000 – Request No 14663

I refer to your recent enquiry for information held by the Council.

Under the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act, the authority must state whether or not the information exists and I confirm that we do hold the information you requested.

Please find the information you requested enclosed.

You requested:

I would be grateful if you could supply the following information from your local authority:

- Housing policy for care leavers

Answer: The Housing Policy for care leavers is currently being updated and should be available to send to you by December 2019.

Pursuant to Section 17 (1) of the Act the Council

- 1. States that the information requested is exempt information.**
- 2. Specifies, that the exemption in question is contained within Section 22 – (Information intended for future publication) of the FOI Act (FOIA).**

- Strategy for Children in Care

Answer: Please see documents attached.

- Mental Health Strategy for Children in Care

Answer: We don't have a specific mental health strategy for children in care.

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If after viewing the information you are for whatever reason unhappy with our response to your application you are entitled to pursue any dissatisfaction through the Council's Internal Review Procedure. Pursuant to Section 17 (7) of the Act the procedure provided by the Council for dealing with complaints about the determination of this request for information is the Council's FOI Complaints Procedure, a copy of which can be obtained on request or is set out at: <https://www.bedford.gov.uk/council-and-democracy/data-protection-foi-eir/freedom-of-information/>

Yours sincerely

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