Importance: Normal Sensitivity: None

Dear

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request dated 14th January 2025 for information about looked after children's homes. Please find below City of Doncaster Council's responses to the questions you have raised.

Question 1: Children's Homes Placements:

a. The number of Looked After Children/Children in Care placed in children's homes located in Doncaster over the last five years (please provide a year-by-year breakdown).

Response: There are currently 9 Look After Children/Children in Care placed in children's homes located in Doncaster.

b. The number of Looked After Children/Children in Care placed outside of Doncaster, including a breakdown by location (e.g., city/town) and numbers for the last five years.

Response: There are currently 33 Looked after Children/Children in care place outside of Doncaster.

Question 2: Semi-Independent Living:

a. The number of children/young people living in semi-independent accommodation within Doncaster for the last five years (year-by-year breakdown).

Response: There are currently 40 children/young people living in semi-independent accommodation within Doncaster.

b. The number of children/young people placed in semi-independent accommodation outside of Doncaster for the last five years, including a breakdown by location and numbers.

Response: There are currently 16 children/young people placed in semi-independent accommodation outside of Doncaster.

c. For the last 2 years numbers of UASC in Doncaster and numbers placed outside sharing the city/town.

Response: There are currently 8 UASC placed outside of Doncaster and 10 currently place inside of Doncaster.

Question 3: 2-Bed Children's Homes:

a. The number of Looked After Children/Children in Care placed in 2-bed children's homes within Doncaster for the last five years (year-by-year breakdown)

Response: There are currently 7 Looked After Children/Children in care placed in 20bed children's homes within Doncaster.

b. The number of Looked After Children/Children in Care placed in 2-bed children's homes outside Doncaster, including a breakdown by location (e.g., city/town/county) and numbers for the last five years.

Response: There are currently 30 Looked After Children/Children in Care placed in 2-bed homes outside of Doncaster.

Question 4: Solo Placements: For children placed in solo placements, the length of time they have remained in each placement (please provide a breakdown by months/years) for the last 18 months. **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.

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 <u>FOIAppeals@doncaster.gov.uk</u>

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.

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Subject: Freedom of Information Request Children in Care

Caution! This message was sent from outside your organization.

Dear City of Doncaster Council FOI Team,

I am writing to request information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. Please could you provide the following details regarding Looked After Children /Children in Care placed by City of Doncaster Council:

1. Children's Homes Placements:

- The number of Looked After Children/Children in Care placed in children's homes located in Doncaster over the last five years (please provide a year-by-year breakdown).
- The number of Looked After Children/Children in Care placed outside of Doncaster, including a breakdown by location (e.g., city/town) and numbers for the last five years.

2. Semi-Independent Living:

- The number of children/young people living in semi-independent accommodation within Doncaster for the last five years (year-by-year breakdown).
- The number of children/young people placed in semi-independent accommodation outside of Doncaster for the last five years, including a breakdown by location and numbers.
- For the last 2 years numbers of UASC in Doncaster and numbers placed outside sharing the city/town.

3. 2-Bed Children's Homes:

- The number of Looked After Children/Children in Care placed in 2-bed children's homes within Doncaster for the last five years (year-by-year breakdown).
- The number of Looked After Children/Children in Care placed in 2-bed children's homes outside Doncaster, including a breakdown by location (e.g., city/town/county) and numbers for the last five years.

3. Solo Placements:

• For children placed in solo placements, the length of time they have remained in each placement (please provide a breakdown by months/years) for the last 18 months.

Many thanks for reading my request and look forward to a response within the agreed period.

Kind regards

