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Thank you for your Freedom of Information request dated 18 September 2024, for information about Apps and software provided to employees that contain or use an AI copilot.

Please find below City of Doncaster Council's responses to the questions you have raised.

Request:
Q1
How many apps and pieces of software do you provide to your employees that contain or use an AI copilot (e.g. Microsoft Copilot or SAP Joule)?

*By copilot, we mean an assistant using AI to assist the user – for instance by answering questions, automating tasks, or analysing/generating text or images

• We do not know the exact number
• 0
• 1-9
• 10-19
• 20-29
• 30-39
• 40-49
• 50 or more

Response:
City of Doncaster Councils response is 1-9.

Request:
Q2
How much money has your organisation spent on training employees (including time spent on internal training sessions, external contractors and third party courses) how to use AI for work-related activities (between 01/09/2023 and 31/08/2024)?

Response:
City of Doncaster Council have spent no money on training employees (including time spent on internal training sessions, external contractors and third party courses) how to use AI for work-related activities (between 01/09/2023 and 31/08/2024).

Request:
Q3
Do you have a usage policy in place on the use of AI in the workplace? (for instance – have you banned all use of AI, or are employees advised to only use AI for set purposes)

Response:
This currently under development. Restrictions are in place to help with GDPR compliance.

Request:
Q4
Has your organisation taken disciplinary action against employees for their use of technology – e.g. using it outside the bounds of the workplace usage policy?

If yes, did any of the activity relate to the use of AI?

Response:
Yes, City of Doncaster Council has taken disciplinary action against employees for their use of technology. None of the activity was in relation to the use of AI.

Request:
Q5
Are your employees using any of the following AI copilots?

• Microsoft Copilot
• SAP Joule
• WalkMe^x
• Salesforce Einstein Copilot
• Github
• Tabnine
• Other

Response:
City of Doncaster Council employees are using Microsoft Copilot.

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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