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OFFICIAL RESPONSE TO FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST

This request was answered under the legislation indicated below:-

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- RPSI** Reuse of Public Sector Information Regulations +20 working days after date of receipt*

Date Received on 29th Jan 2009

Reply Due by 26th Feb 2009



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Request Reference
FOI 650

Date Reply Sent
13th Feb 2009

Question asked (as phrased by customer)

From: Robert Eriksohn [<mailto:request-7036-143178c4@whatdotheyknow.com>]
Posted At: 29 January 2009 23:56
Posted To: Data Protection
Conversation: Freedom of Information request -
Concessionary travel passes
Subject: Freedom of Information request -
Concessionary travel passes

Dear Sir or Madam,

I would like to make a request as regards to the concessionary travel arrangements in your authority under the terms of Freedom of Information Act.

1. Does your authority provide concessionary travel passes to those individuals registered with their local Social Services department as disabled on the grounds of being a mental health user or survivor?
2. If your authority does have such arrangements why was the decision taken to extend the scheme in this way and what arrangements are in place?
3. If your authority does not have such arrangements does your authority have some other arrangement beyond the statutory minimum to provide passes to those with mental health issues?
4. If your authority does not have such arrangements why was the decision taken not to extend the scheme in this way and has consideration been given to extending the scheme in this way in the future?
5. Would it be possible to provide copies of any relevant policy documents you may have.

AVDC response

Dear Mr. Eriksohn,

Thank you for your request under the Freedom of Information Act with regard to Concessionary Bus Travel. I hope that you will find the response to your questions helpful.

1. AVDC provides concessionary bus travel passes to those individuals registered with their local Social Services department as being disabled on the grounds of mental health. The legislation requires that a disability must be permanent or have lasted at least 12 months or is likely to last at least 12 months.
2. AVDC interprets the qualifying criteria to include any disability or serious impairment that meets the minimum criteria above and where an appropriate medical practitioner can confirm the qualification for a bus pass.
3. Not applicable.
4. Not applicable.
5. Please find attached the public information sheets covering the qualifying criteria. Files FOI 650 – Bus Permits 2008

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<p>Your assistance is greatly appreciated.</p> <p>Yours faithfully,</p> <p>Robert Eriksohn</p> <p>-----</p> <p>Disclaimer: This message and any reply that you make will be published on the internet. Our privacy and copyright policies:</p> <p>http://www.whatdotheyknow.com/help/about#officers</p> <p>Is records@aylesburyvale.gov.uk the wrong address for Freedom of Information requests to Aylesbury Vale District Council? If so please contact us using this form:</p> <p>http://www.whatdotheyknow.com/help/contact</p> <p>-----</p> <p>-----</p>	<p>and FOI 650 – Information about travel tokens 2008.</p> <p>If I can be of further assistance, please do not hesitate to get in touch.</p> <p>Yours sincerely,</p> <p>Lesley Yates Head of Customer Services Services Directorate Aylesbury Vale District Council 66 high Street Aylesbury Buckinghamshire HP20 1SD</p>
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INFORMATIVES

1. The legislation gives a right of access to information contained within records which is not necessarily the same as access to records themselves. Sometimes this can be most efficiently achieved by providing copies of the original documents. On other occasions the raw documents could be difficult to interpret - due to the use of jargon, or because the information sought is only a small part of a much larger document covering also other matters beyond the scope of the request, or we may have reason to withhold some or all of the information under a statutory FOI exemption or EIR exception. This form offers a means of summarising and/or providing interpretation in these circumstances so as to reduce costs and improve clarity.
2. If you are dissatisfied with our response or wish to seek further explanation or make a comment please contact us again – see our publication scheme on website www.aylesburyvale.gov.uk or our Corporate Complaints leaflet “If we’ve got it right or wrong” for details of the procedure.
3. Please note that you do have a right to make a complaint direct to the Information Commissioner and details on how to do this are set out on the Information Commissioner’s website www.informationcommissioner.gov.uk under the heading “How to make a complaint”