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Emailed to: request-651330-504e7d28@whatdotheyknow.com



Comhairle Aonghais

CHIEF EXECUTIVE
Margo Williamson

Dear Ms Anderson

Freedom of Information Request

Thank you for your information request dated 29 February 2020 (received by the Council on the 2 March 2020) which has been passed to me for attention.

You have requested the following information:

I would be grateful if you could supply me with copies of all information you hold regarding engagement with ADES on the subject of the school starting age or deferral to starting school since July 2018. This should include, but not be limited to, advice and reports from ADES; agendas, minutes and papers of any meetings at which either or both of these issues were discussed; emails or other correspondence between the local authority and ADES.

Please see the attached 'Communication.doc'.

Secondly, please can you advise if and how the council uses SIMD data in making discretionary deferral funding decisions.

SIMD data is not used when making discretionary deferral funding decisions.

Parent/carers in conjunction with Head Teachers/Managers of settings complete an application requesting an additional year of funded early learning and childcare. The decision to fund the additional year is based on this.

In compiling responses to information requests we invariably use information which is routinely published on the [Council's website](#) or through its [Publication Scheme](#). If you require further information please first check that the information you want is not routinely published as any such information is exempt from release in terms of Section 25 of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 or Regulation 6(1)(b) of the Environmental Information (Scotland) Regulations 2004.

I hope that this information is of some help to you. Please note that the information contained in this reply is believed to be accurate as at today's date (unless otherwise indicated) but no warranty is given. Further, Angus Council does not accept liability for any loss, injury or damage which arises from the use of the information contained in this reply either by you or by any other party. Please refer

to the information set out in the Appendix which explains your right to complain if you are unhappy with how the Council has dealt with your request.

If calling or telephoning please ask for Jacqueline Dawson on 01307 491911 or e-mail DawsonJ@angus.gov.uk

Yours sincerely

Jacqueline Dawson
Performance Information Officer

APPENDIX

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION (SCOTLAND) ACT 2002 ENVIRONMENTAL INFORMATION (SCOTLAND) REGULATIONS 2004 INSPIRE (SCOTLAND) REGULATIONS 2009

Your Right to Request a Review by the Council

If you are dissatisfied with the way in which Angus Council has dealt with your request for information under any of the above statutory instruments, you have a right to ask the council to review its actions and/or decisions regarding your request. If you wish to do this, you should make your request to the Service Leader – Legal and Democratic, Place, Angus Council, Angus House, Orchardbank Business Park, Forfar DD8 1AN or e-mail InformationGovernance@angus.gov.uk within 40 working days.

Your request must:

- be in writing (or recordable format);
- give your name and address for correspondence;
- give details of the information which you originally requested from the council; and
- give the reasons why you are dissatisfied with the way in which your application for information has been dealt with.

Your application for review will then be considered by the council's review panel. The review panel will write to you informing you of its decision not later than 20 working days after receipt of your request for a review. The review panel will also provide you with a statement of its reasons for arriving at the decision it has made.

Your Right to Appeal to the Scottish Information Commissioner

If you are dissatisfied with a decision of the council's review panel (or where the review panel has not provided you with a response), you have the right to apply to the Scottish Information Commissioner for a decision as to whether your request for information has been dealt with by the council in accordance with the above statutory instruments.

Your application to the Scottish Information Commissioner must:

- be in a recordable format (letter, e-mail, audio tape etc);
- give your name and address for correspondence.
- give details of the request for information which you originally requested from the council;
- give details of why you were dissatisfied with the council's response to your original request;
- give details of why you were dissatisfied with the decision of the council's review panel.

In the case of an EIR or FOI request your application to the Scottish Information Commissioner must be made within 6 months of receipt of the decision of the council's review panel (or within 6 months of the date that the review panel should have responded). No such time limit applies under the 2009 Regulations.

Appeals to the Commissioner can be lodged online through the following hyperlink:

<http://www.itspublicknowledge.info/YourRights/Unhappywiththeresponse/AppealintoCommissioner.aspx> or by contacting:

Scottish Information Commissioner, Kinburn Castle, Doubledykes Road, St Andrews, Fife, KY16 9BS; Telephone - 01334 464610; Fax - 01334 464611; Email - enquiries@itspublicknowledge.info)