

Northamptonshire County Council

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Please ask for:

Freedom of Information 01604 368360

Tel: Our ref:

Your ref:

Date:

18th June 2018

FR8256

Dear Ms Saunders,

Information Request: FR8256

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request dated 20th May 2018 which was received by us on 21st May 2018. Your request has been dealt with under the Freedom of Information Act and is detailed below in italics with our response in bold.

(Please note the extract below has been taken directly from your original information request and is unedited).

Please send me the policy, documents, guidance, training material detailing the duties and responsibilities of recruited or agency Adult social works, including covering involvement in managing a clients welfare, management of needs including physical health, finances like benefits and home environment.

Our Response

The Freedom of Information Team has been provided with the following information in response to your recent request on behalf of Northamptonshire County Council (NCC).

Please see attached and below information held by NCC matching the criteria and parameters of your request.

Any practitioner using the job title of "social worker" must be a registered member of Health & Care Professionals Council (HCPC). The HCPC is a regulator set up to protect the public and currently has 16 professions, one of which is social work. The HCPC's ten standards of conduct, performance and ethics is the framework that all social workers must adhere to. All registrants are responsible for making sure that they are familiar with the standards and continue to meet them (www.hcpc-uk.org).

With regards to legislative frameworks, the expectation would be for the same as any other member of adult social care staff in that practitioners are aware of, and carry out duties, in

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line with the principals of the appropriate Act's. https://www.legislation.gov.uk has links to specific Acts and Code of practice (such as Care Act (2014); Mental Capacity Act (2005); Mental Health Act (1983)). Underpinning all legislation is the Human Rights Act.

There would be an expectation that a registered social worker employed by NASS was aware of, and adhered to, NASS' policies and procedures.

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Mr Simon Deacon Reviewing Officer Northamptonshire County Council One Angel Square Angel Street Northampton NN1 1ED

Email dataprotection@northamptonshire.gcsx.gov.uk

If our internal review does not resolve the issue to your complete satisfaction, you have the right to apply to the information Commissioner for a decision at the following address:

Information Commissioner Wycliffe House Water Lane Wilmslow Cheshire SK9 5AF

Or, if you have any complaints in respect of your information request please complete the on-line comments form that can be found at www.northamptonshire.gov.uk, along with a full set of guidance.

Yours sincerely

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