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Name: Sean Nicholson
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Dear Mr Nicholson

Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 Request

I refer to your recent request received by the Council on 23 November 2017 where you requested:

Can you please tell me how much Renfrewshire Council pay to a young adult leaving care (also known as a leaving care grant) .
Also the amount of money Renfrewshire Council has for this function 2017.
Also can you tell me who decides the amounts given, if it is based on legislation and what policy if any is used to implement it.

Response:

Can you please tell me how much Renfrewshire Council pay to a young adult leaving care (also known as a leaving care grant).

Renfrewshire Council pay up to £2,500.

Also the amount of money Renfrewshire Council has for this function 2017.

I can confirm that a payment will be made to each care leaver, who submits the relevant claims during 2017.

Also can you tell me who decides the amounts given, if it is based on legislation and what policy if any is used to implement it.

The Children (Scotland) Act as well as the Children and Young People (Scotland) Act underpins the Council's processes in relation to this matter. The amount awarded is based on an assessment of need which is approved by the Throughcare Services Manager.

If you are dissatisfied with the way in which the Council has dealt with your request, you are entitled to require the Council to review its decision. A copy of the Council's review procedures is detailed in Appendix 1.

Yours sincerely

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