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Dear Requester

Request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (the Act)

The council has considered your request which was received on 9 October 2017 and our response to your questions is shown below.

Can you please share the organisation structure as at today for the adult social care team with names of heads of departments and team members?

Please find a structure chart attached entitled “**10004 - Children + Adults Structure Chart - Redacted**”. This contains details of all heads of service and directors within the Childrens and Adults Directorate. All employees can be contacted by calling the main switchboard on 0115 915 5555. Due to the ever changing nature of the council it cannot be guaranteed that the structure chart is up to date. Under section 1 of the act the council are not obliged to create new information. The council intends to publish an up to date Children and Adults structure chart annually in January.

Parts of the attached documents have been redacted in accordance with section 40(2) of the Act.

The names of employees below the level of Head of Service are not being disclosed in accordance with section 40(2) of the Act. The personal information about identifiable living individuals is exempt if disclosure to a third party would breach one or more principles in the Data Protection Act 1998 (the DPA). The Information Commissioner's guidance states 'It is reasonable to expect that a public authority would disclose more information relating to senior employees than more junior ones...the disclosure must not cause unwarranted interference with the rights, freedoms and legitimate interests of the employee'.

The individuals concerned would not expect their names and job titles to be disclosed to a third party, as it is the council's general guidance not to do so for staff below the level of Head of Service.

Section 40(2) of the Act sets out the exemption for third party data and subject to one of two conditions being met. The council considered that the disclosure of the



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information to you otherwise than under the Act would contravene one of the data protection principles as set out in section 40(3)(a)(i) (first data protection principle – information processed fairly and lawfully).

When determining the privacy rights of the other individual (third party) the council considered that it would be unfair to disclose the personal data of the other individuals.

As the council is withholding the information as detailed above under section 40(2) please accept this letter as a partial refusal notice issued in accordance with section 17 of the Act.

In accordance with Section 16(1) of the Act, the council has a duty to provide advice and assistance to you, as far as it is reasonable to do so. The council can advise Nottingham City Council does not respond to unsolicited requests regarding sales, procurement and commissioning. Departments must follow a strict procedure as the council has a responsibility to spend public money to achieve the best possible value and outcomes for its citizens whilst maximising the wider social, economic and environmental aims. The council can direct you to the council's website pages for procurement opportunities, events and how to sell to the council, where you can also find the contact details for the Procurement Team including an email address and phone number:

<http://www.nottinghamcity.gov.uk/business-information-and-support/doing-business-with-nottingham-city-council/>

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Yours sincerely

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