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**Your ref:**  
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**Date:** 3 June 2019

Dear Ms Thompson

### **Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 (FOISA)**

I refer to your information request received by the Council on 2 May 2019 in which you ask for the following information:

1. The current length of OT waiting list.
  - a. The total number of cases
  - b. The approximate wait in months for an OT assessment.
  - c. Adult and paediatric figures
  - d. A breakdown of case category numbers i.e. DFG, Moving and Handling
2. If you have used an external independent occupational therapy organisation in the last 12 months (1 May 2018 – 30 April 2019) and if so:
  - a. Their name
  - b. The number of cases outsourced and a cost per assessment. The total value spent with them during this timeframe if the work was tendered if the supplier is under a contract what the end contract date is.
3. If there are any current vacant posts in the OT team and the total unspent salary value of these posts for the past 12 months (1 May 2018 – 30 April 2019)
4. The name, email and contact number of the person responsible for commissioning independent OT assessments on behalf of the council.

### **Information provided**

1. The current length of OT waiting list.
  - a. 285
  - b. The OT assessments are allocated on priority level. The approximate wait for high level cases is 1 week, medium level cases are 3 weeks, low level cases are 5 weeks.
  - c. 275 Adult and 10 paediatric
2. Nil

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3. Nil

4. OT assessments are carried out by OT Staff within South Lanarkshire Health and Social Care Partnership.

### **Information not provided**

### **Request refused in terms of section 17 of FOISA**

The Council cannot give you information in relation to question 1d because it does not have it. The categories will not be determined until after the assessment has been completed.

### **Request for Review**

The Council has a Review Panel to deal with complaints from people who are not happy about the way that it has handled their request. Staff not involved in the original decision will handle any review.

If you want to complain, you can ask the Review Panel to look at the way that we have dealt with your request. It will consider whether we have complied with the requirements of FOISA. Please note that if you wish to complain, you must do so by **1 August 2019** you must explain why you are not happy when requesting a review.

Please note that the Review Panel cannot look at any decisions taken by the Council or actions of the Council or any of its employees or a service provided by it that are not connected to the handling for request for information.

You should send your request for a review to:

Mr. W. Dunn  
Information Compliance Manager  
Finance and Corporate Resources  
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Alternatively, you can request a review at [foi.reviews@southlanarkshire.gov.uk](mailto:foi.reviews@southlanarkshire.gov.uk).

### **Appeal to the Scottish Information Commissioner**

If you are not happy with the outcome of the review, you can appeal to the Scottish Information Commissioner. The Commissioner will decide whether the Council has dealt with your request properly. Please see the Commissioner's website at [www.itspublicknowledge.info](http://www.itspublicknowledge.info) for further details.

Yours sincerely



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