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Our
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Dear Ms Williams

Your Freedom of Information Request:

I am pleased to enclose the following information in respect of your recent Freedom of Information request. You requested:

1. What is your Council's policy in respect of payment for supported lodgings?

Please see attachment 1 – Leaving and After Care Finance Handbook 2011.

2 Who pays for their general upkeep?

The young person pays for everything out of their own income, whether that is earnings from employment, or their benefit income, which, depending on their circumstances could be Income Support, Job Seekers Allowance, Employment Support Allowance. We are able to consider assisting with some travel for contact, educational expenses, specialist clothing which may be linked to their educational needs. We can, and do assist with moving costs and setting up a home allowance covers the purchases of essential items. Requests are considered as per the finance handbook.

3. Who are 'Supporting People'?

This information can be found at <http://supportingpeople.essexcc.gov.uk/>

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Please contact me if you would like further advice or assistance about your request or your right to access information held by Essex County Council.

If you are not satisfied with my response to your request, please let me know. If I am unable to resolve the issue immediately, I will explain our complaints

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procedure. If, after following our complaints procedure, you are still not satisfied, you are entitled to ask the Information Commissioner to review our decision. You can contact him at Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF, telephone 01625 545700.

Yours sincerely

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