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Ms Pat Smith Our Ref: ECC-012273-11
Not Given Date: 21 June 2011

Dear Ms Smith

### **Your Freedom of Information Request:**

I am pleased to enclose the following information, which I believe satisfies your request.

You requested the following information about autism awareness training undertaken by staff in the SEN College Transport Department, for the last ten years.

## 1. Who provided this training?

#### 2. What sort of training was it?

A basic training awareness programme is provided for passenger assistants working on an Essex County Council Home to School Transport to assist them in their role. Please see the attached guide which gives a general over view and course contents. Whilst we do not specifically cover Autism this is an area discussed with course participants on the course. There are no formal qualifications.

3. Also, please would you tell us what autism awareness training their decision and policy-making bosses in the council hierarchy receive? We are unable to comment on this as we have no information or jurisdiction.

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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.

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Yours sincerely

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