

The Secretary
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Dear Sir / Madam

Request Under the Freedom of Information Act

I am writing to make an open government request for all the information to which we are entitled under the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002.

Please send the secretary:

- What are the 2019 - 2020 dates for The SDS Carer & Service-User Meetings?

The legislation states you have 20 working days to reply.

I would be grateful if you could confirm in writing that you have received this request.

Yours faithfully

Secretary – Self Directed Support Network South Lanarkshire

Val de Souza
Director, Health and Social Care

Mr McGoldrick
secretary@sdsnet.org.uk

Our ref: WC/JM
Your ref:
If calling ask for: Pat McCormack
Phone: 01698 454362
Date: 25 September 2019

Dear Mr McGoldrick

Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 (FOISA)

I refer to your information request received by the Council on 3 September 2019 in which you ask for the following information:

What are the 2019 – 2020 dates for the SDS Carer and Service User Meetings

Information provided

~~The SDS User/Carer Group was not a constituted group and therefore has no formal legal standing. The group was drawn together as one of the many workstreams as part of the implementation of Self-Directed Support. The initial meeting of the group, being the 27 February 2013, over six years ago and at the implementation phase of SDS.~~

SDS is now well embedded and the necessity to continue to meet is not required. The organisation of meetings, minute taking, agenda setting, venue booking and the release of staff to undertake this activity is labour intensive.

You will also be aware that the many post holders who initially supported this work, those posts no longer exist.

SDS is well established and individual service users and carers supported by staff within Social Work Resources and the third sectors continue to exercise their individual choice and control with their personal outcomes.

The SDS agenda has progressed in South Lanarkshire, and we thank you and the other participants who attended meetings over the years for the valuable contributions you have made to our service user and carer engagement agenda.

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.

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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 **29 November 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:

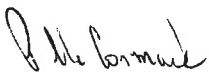
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Alternatively, you can request a review at foi.reviews@southlanarkshire.gov.uk.

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 for further details.~~

Yours sincerely



Wendy Cranston
Team Leader (Performance, Governance and Planning)